

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve multiyear Contract No. DCAM-22-CS-RFP-0011 with Ameresco, Inc., to develop a new resilient microgrid providing energy to St. Elizabeths East campus, and to authorize payment for the energy generated by the microgrid for a 15-year period.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Multiyear Contract No. DCAM-22-CS-RFP-0011 Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to approve multiyear Contract No. DCAM-22-CS-RFP-0011 with Ameresco, Inc. to develop a new resilient microgrid providing energy to St. Elizabeths East campus, and to authorize payment for the energy generated by the microgrid for a 15-year period.

(b) Contract No. DCAM-22-CS-RFP-0011 is a multiyear contract that requires Council approval pursuant to section 451(c) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 803; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.51(c)).

(c) Approval of Contract No. DCAM-22-CS-RFP-0011 is necessary for the District to enter into a multiyear agreement with Ameresco, Inc. to develop a new resilient microgrid at the St. Elizabeths East campus, and to allow the District of Columbia government to purchase the

34 energy generated by the microgrid for a 15-year period. Construction of the microgrid by
35 Ameresco, Inc. must begin before December 31, 2024 in order for the microgrid to qualify for a
36 Federal tax credit, without which development of the system is not economically viable. Given
37 the time required for the development of the system, the District must act immediately.

38 (d) The St. Elizabeths microgrid will bring numerous benefits to Ward 8, the new Cedar
39 Hill Regional Medical Center GW Health, 801 East Men’s Shelter, and the Unified
40 Communications Center. All energy offtakers will be able to maintain operations during grid
41 outages, preserving 911 service and critical human and medical services. The project will lower
42 energy costs for the District of Columbia government and St. Elizabeths Hospital, and the solar
43 and onsite combined heat and power offer significant emission reductions compared to other grid
44 power sources and diesel generators.

45 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
46 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
47 Multiyear Contract No. DCAM-22-CS-RFP-0011 Approval and Payment Authorization
48 Emergency Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

49 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.