

1 [Investigation by City Attorney of Possible Antitrust Violations by Natural Gas Suppliers.]

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3 **Resolution urging the City Attorney to Instigate an Investigation in Possible**  
4 **Monopolization, Collusion, and Fraud by Suppliers of Natural Gas.**

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6 WHEREAS, In recent years suppliers of natural gas have managed by mergers and  
7 acquisitions to capture a significant share of the market in natural gas supplies; and

8 WHEREAS, there is significant market data suggesting the existence of market power  
9 and/or collusion by these same suppliers of natural gas, with the result that prices for natural  
10 gas have been artificially inflated above what they would be in a competitive market; and,

11 WHEREAS, such collusion and the exercise of market power by these same suppliers  
12 may have the effect of aggravating or partially causing the current crisis in the generation of  
13 electric power in the State of California, and

14 WHEREAS, the City Attorney currently has filed suit against suppliers of electric power  
15 and currently has ongoing an investigation of these suppliers on the basis of possible  
16 collusion, monopolization, and fraud; and

17 WHEREAS, it is consistent with the purpose of the Office of City Attorney to pursue  
18 such investigations and suits in the public interest to protect consumers from the devastating  
19 effects on artificial increases in the price of basic energy supplies; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the City Attorney to broaden its  
21 investigation of possible collusion, monopolization, and fraud by energy suppliers to include  
22 suppliers of natural gas.

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Resolution urging the City Attorney to instigate an investigation into possible monopolization, collusion, and fraud by suppliers of natural gas.

February 5, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

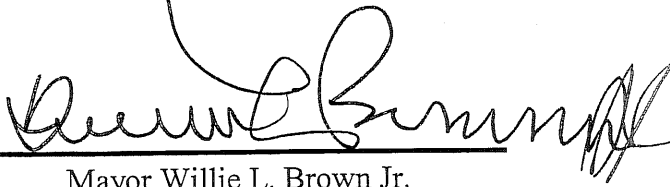
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 5, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.