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## City of Venice Engineering Department

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**To:** Edward Lavallee, City Manager *EL*  
**Thru:** Kathleen J. Weeden, PE, City Engineer *KJW*  
**From:** James Clinch, PE, Assistant City Engineer *JC*  
**Date:** 1/25/2016  
**Subject:** February 09, 2016 City Council Agenda  
TECO Peoples Gas System Franchise Agreement Ordinance

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**Background:** The City has received a request for renewal of a nonexclusive franchise agreement for use of the City's rights of way to extend natural gas lines within the City to serve residential, commercial and industrial customers.

The proposed franchise agreement ordinance is for a term of 30 years and will allow TECO to install and maintain the natural gas distribution system in exchange for a franchise fee equal to 6% of the gross revenue from the sale of natural gas to customers within the City limits.

The agreement allows for protection of the public right of way and all City assets contained within, by requiring TECO to obtain construction permits and to restore the area to as good or better condition than before construction. Additional protection is provided through the insurance and indemnification sections of the agreement.

**Requested Action:** Motion to approve the first reading of the TECO Peoples Gas System Franchise Agreement Ordinance

**Finance Review:** Reviewed and Approved

**Risk Management:** Reviewed and Approved

**City Attorney Review:** Reviewed and Approved

**Cc:** James Clinch, Assistant City Engineer  
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