

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2003

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, ENDORSING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 7 SUPPORTED BY CITIES AGGREGATION POWER PROJECT, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene, Texas (City) has historically been active in the process of regulation of electric utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of Cities Aggregation Power Project, Inc. (CAPP) and, as such, made a decision to switch its municipal electric accounts from its incumbent provider to a retail electric provider prior to January 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City's experience with electric deregulation during 2002 has been frustrating because of:

- (1) increased complexity and inefficiencies regarding service quality;
- (2) numerous account switchover and billing problems;
- (3) loss of budget and financial accountability regarding electric cost;
- (4) additional resources needed to manage and reconcile invoices for electricity;
- (5) current statutory restrictions make aggregation on behalf of citizens impractical;
- (6) the small number of bidders and narrowness of distinction between bids.

WHEREAS, the City endorses efforts to modify the electric deregulation legislation to improve competition and reduce costs to the City and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, THAT:

PART I: Legislative reforms regarding market power, citizen aggregation and price to beat fuel factors endorsed by CAPP be supported by the City.

PART II: A copy of the resolution shall be sent to the elected lawmakers representing the City's interests in the Texas House and Senate and to the Chairman and legal counsel of CAPP.

ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2003.

ATTEST:

  
CITY SECRETARY

  
MAYOR

APPROVED:

  
CITY ATTORNEY