

**RESOLUTION NO. 61-2021**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.'S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TEXAS; AUTHORIZING HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Abilene, Texas ("City") is an electric utility customer of AEP Texas Inc. ("AEP" or "Company"), and a regulatory authority with an interest in the rates and charges of AEP; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is a member of the Cities Served by AEP ("Cities"), a membership of similarly situated cities served by AEP that have joined together to efficiently and cost effectively review and respond to electric issues affecting rates charged in AEP's service area; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about April 6, 2021 AEP filed with the City an Application to Amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor ("DCRF"), PUC Docket No. 51984, seeking to increase electric distribution rates by approximately \$54.56 million (an approximately \$2.60 increase to the average residential customer's bill from the rates just approved in the Company's rate case); and

**WHEREAS**, all electric utility customers residing in the City will be impacted by this ratemaking proceeding if it is granted; and

**WHEREAS**, Cities are coordinating its review of AEP's DCRF filing with designated attorneys and consultants to resolve issues in the Company's application; and

**WHEREAS**, Cities members and attorneys recommend that members deny the DCRF.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

Section 1. That the City is authorized to participate with Cities in PUC Docket No. 51984.

Section 2. That subject to the right to terminate employment at any time, the City of hereby authorizes the hiring of the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink and consultants to negotiate with the Company, make recommendations to the City regarding reasonable rates, and to direct any necessary administrative proceedings or court litigation associated with an appeal of this application filed with the PUC.

Section 3. That the rates proposed by AEP to be recovered through its DCRF charged to customers located within the City limits, are hereby found to be unreasonable and shall be denied.

Section 4. That the Company shall continue to charge its existing rates to customers within the City.

Section 5. That the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed in full by AEP within 30 days of presentation of an invoice to AEP.

Section 6. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law and the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

Section 7. That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Leila Melhem, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 400 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1520, Austin, Texas 78701 and to Thomas Brocato, General Counsel to the Cities, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, 816 Congress Ave., Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

ATTEST:

  
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Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

  
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Anthony Williams, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Stanley Smith, City Attorney

