

RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 14

DIRECTING ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC TO FILE CERTAIN INFORMATION WITH THE CITY OF COMMERCE; SETTING A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR THE GATHERING AND REVIEW OF NECESSARY INFORMATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; SETTING DATES FOR THE FILING OF THE CITY'S ANALYSIS OF THE COMPANY'S FILING AND THE COMPANY'S REBUTTAL TO SUCH ANALYSIS; RATIFYING THE HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CONSULTANTS; RESERVING THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE'S RATE CASE EXPENSES; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING IF THE EXISTING RATES OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY ARE UNREASONABLE OR IN ANY WAY IN VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF LAW AND THE DETERMINATION BY THE CITY OF COMMERCE OF JUST AND REASONABLE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC.; NOTING COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW; PROVIDING NOTICE OF PASSAGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce is a regulatory authority under the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") and has original jurisdiction over the rates of Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC ("Oncor") to determine if such rates are just and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, Sections 33.021, 36.003 and 36.151 of PURA empower a regulatory authority, on its own motion or on a complaint by any affected person, to determine whether the existing rates of any public utility for any service are unreasonable or in any way in violation of any provision of law, and upon such determination, to determine the just and reasonable rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce has reason to believe that Oncor is over-earning and its rates are excessive; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce is a member of the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor has recommended that cities pass a resolution that requires Oncor to show just cause why its transmission and distribution rates should not be reduced; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce, and the City Council of the City of Commerce desires, on its own motion, to exercise its authority under Sections 33.021, 36.003 and 36.151 of PURA; and

WHEREAS, a procedural schedule should be established for the filing of certain information by Oncor, procedures to be followed to obtain and review information from Oncor, the filing of an analysis of such information by the City, the filing of rebuttal information from Oncor, and a public hearing at which time the City shall make a determination whether the existing rates of Oncor are unreasonable or are in any way in violation of any provision of law, and if such rates should be revised, and just and reasonable rates determined for Oncor.

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

SECTION 1. This resolution constitutes notice of the City's intent to proceed with an inquiry into the transmission and distribution rates charged by Oncor. On or before September 1, 2016, Oncor shall file with the City of Commerce information that demonstrates good cause for showing that Oncor's transmission and distribution rates should not be reduced. Specifically, Oncor shall file with the City of Commerce information for the test year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, regarding Oncor's cost of service elements including, but not limited to, the elements

detailed by the Public Utility Commission as necessary for the filing of a Statement of Intent to Change Rates. The test year may be updated for more current data and shall be adjusted for known and measurable changes.

SECTION 2. City's designated representatives shall have the right to obtain additional information from Oncor through the filing of requests for information, which shall be responded to within fifteen (15) days from the receipt of such request for information.

SECTION 3. City's designated representatives shall file their analysis of Oncor's filing and information on or before October 13, 2016.

SECTION 4. Oncor shall file any rebuttal to the analysis of City's representatives on or before November 10, 2016. With its rebuttal, Oncor may present whatever additional information it desires to defend its current rates.

SECTION 5. A public hearing shall be conducted by the City Council for the City of Commerce during a regular council meeting scheduled between November 15 and December 15. At such hearing a representative of Oncor and a representative of the City of Commerce's consultants will each be allowed to address the City Council and summarize previously filed reports for no more than 15 minutes. Based upon such hearing, a determination of the reasonableness of the existing rates of Oncor shall be made by the City Council and, if necessary, just and reasonable rates shall be determined to be thereafter observed and enforced for all services of Oncor within the City of Commerce, Texas.

SECTION 6. The City Council may, from time to time, amend this procedural schedule and enter additional orders as may be necessary in the public interest and to enforce the provisions hereof.

SECTION 7. Subject to the right to terminate employment at any time, the City of Commerce hereby ratifies the Steering Committee's selection of Geoffrey Gay with

the law firm of Lloyd, Gosselink, Rochelle & Townsend as legal counsel to assist the City of Commerce in its ratemaking and to prosecute any appeals to the Texas Public Utility Commission or court. The Executive Committee of the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor shall retain appropriate consultants to prepare a report and make rate recommendations.

SECTION 8. Fees and expenses of attorneys and consultants assisting the City in the Steering Committee's review of the reasonableness of Oncor's rates will be processed through the Steering Committee but the City reserves the right to seek reimbursement from Oncor pursuant to the PURA Section 33.023.

SECTION 9. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public as required by law, and that public notices of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given all as required by Section 551.041, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 10. That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to E. Allen Nye, Jr., Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202, and to Geoffrey Gay, General Counsel to the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., P.O. Box 1725, Austin, Texas 78767-1725.

AND SO IT IS ORDERED.

The above and foregoing resolution was passed and approved on this the 19th day of April, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

at regular meeting held on April 19, 2016.



ATTEST:

Becky Patello
CITY SECRETARY

Raphael Hill
MAYOR

APPROVED:

Jay Ganett
CITY ATTORNEY

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