



To: Mayor & City Council

From: Michael Kovacs, City Manager

Date: May 15, 2019

Agenda Item: A Resolution denying rate increases for Oncor under the Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) filing.

Action Requested: Approval of the resolution

Prior Action: The City of Fate monitors acts on filings by both Atmos and Oncor through the various city coalitions to ensure rate requests are fair and reasonable for our citizens. This falls in line with our philosophy to help protect our citizens against unnecessary cost impacts on their family budgets wherever possible.

Overview and Background: On April 8, 2019, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (“Oncor” or “Company”) filed an Application for Approval to Amend its Distribution Cost Recover Factor (“DCRF”) to Increase Distribution Rates with each of the cities in their service area. In the filing, the Company asserts that it is seeking an increase in distribution revenues of \$29,433,804.

The resolution authorizes the City to join with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor (“OCSC”) to evaluate the filing, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, to determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue.

The purpose of the Resolution is to deny the DCRF application proposed by Oncor. The dispute will be rolled up with other members of the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor and resolved at the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC). Oncor will pay all rate case costs for the cities.

Financial Considerations: According to Oncor, the rate increase per home, per month, is about \$0.75 under the current proposal. Coalition action will likely be successful in making some reductions.

Supporting Documents: Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FATE, TEXAS FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR PURSUANT TO 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 25.243 TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; 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 Fate, Texas ("City") is an electric utility customer of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor" or "Company"), and a regulatory authority with an interest in the rates and charges of Oncor; and

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

WHEREAS, on or about April 8, 2019 Oncor filed with the City an Application for Approval to Amend its Distribution Cost Recovery Factor ("DCRF"), PUC Docket No. 49427, seeking to increase electric distribution rates by approximately \$29,433,804; 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 Oncor'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 FATE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City is authorized to participate with OCSC in PUC Docket No. 49427.

Section 2. That subject to the right to terminate employment at any time, the City of Fate hereby authorizes the hiring of the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. 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 Oncor 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 Oncor within 30 days of presentation of an invoice to Oncor.

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 Matthew C. Henry, 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202 and to Thomas Brocato, Legal Counsel to OCSC, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., P.O. Box 1725, Austin, Texas 78767-1725.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of May, 2019.

Joe Burger
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney