



City of Saginaw

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Agenda Item: 4e
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SUBJECT: Action regarding Resolution No. 2018-10, denying the DCRF (Distribution Cost Recovery Factor) Application to increase distribution rates proposed by Oncor Electric Delivery Company

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On April 5, 2018, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (“Oncor” or “Company”) filed an Application for Approval of a 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 \$19,002,177.

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.

Purpose of the Resolution:

The purpose of the Resolution is to deny the DCRF application proposed by Oncor.

Explanation of “Be It Resolved” Paragraphs:

1. This section authorizes the City to participate with OCSC as a party in the Company’s DCRF filing, PUC Docket No. 48231.
2. This section authorizes the hiring of Lloyd Gosselink and consultants to review the filing, negotiate with the Company, and make recommendations to the City regarding reasonable rates. Additionally, it authorizes OCSC to direct any necessary administrative proceedings or court litigation associated with an appeal of this application filed with the PUC.
3. This paragraph finds that the Company’s application is unreasonable and should be denied.
4. This section states that the Company’s current rates shall not be changed.
5. The Company will reimburse Cities for their reasonable rate case expenses. Legal counsel and consultants approved by OCSC will submit monthly invoices that will be forwarded to Oncor for reimbursement.

6. This section recites that the Resolution was passed at a meeting that was open to the public and that the consideration of the Resolution was properly noticed.

7. This section provides that Oncor and counsel for OCSC will be notified of the City's action by sending a copy of the approved and signed Resolution to counsel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2018-10, denying the DCRF (Distribution Cost Recovery Factor) Application to increase distribution rates proposed by Oncor Electric Delivery Company.

Attachments

Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A 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 Saginaw, 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"), 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 5, 2018 Oncor filed with the City an Application for Approval of a Distribution Cost Recovery Factor ("DCRF"), PUC Docket No. 48231, seeking to increase electric distribution rates by approximately \$19,002,177; 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 SAGINAW, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City is authorized to participate with Cities in PUC Docket No. 48231.

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 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 Stephen N. Ragland, 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202 and to Thomas Brocato, General Counsel to the Cities, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., P.O. Box 1725, Austin, Texas 78767-1725.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Todd Flippo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice England, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryn Meredith, City Attorney