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Re: Louis Ehmer
515 E Main St

Van Wert, OH 45891

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RESOLUTION Number: 08-12-101 Committee: Judiciary

A RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY OPPOSE THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE OF AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER (AEP) FOR BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT, AND REQUESTING THAT PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OHIO (PUCO) REQUIRE AND ENSURE THAT ANY RATE INCREASE GRANTED IS LOGICALLY DERIVED, REASONABLY JUSTIFIED, NECESSARY, AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF UTILITY USERS IN THE CITY OF VAN WERT, COUNTY OF VAN WERT, AND THROUGHOUT OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Office of Chairman
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WHEREAS, This Judiciary Committee and Council of the Whole met on December 15, 2008, and determined that it was in the best interests of the City of Van Wert to vigorously oppose the proposed rate hike by American Electric Power (AEP); and

WHEREAS, The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) needs to be notified of this Resolution as soon as practically possible, preferably before January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, American Electric Power (AEP) provides electric service to the residents, businesses and governmental entities in the City of Van Wert, and the County of Van Wert, and throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, AEP has requested that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approve its electric rates for each of the next three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, The AEP rate increase proposal calls for a fifteen percent (15%) residential rate increase in each of the next three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, The AEP proposed compounded rate of increase will increase the electric rates of residents of the City of Van Wert and of Van Wert County by fifty-two percent (52%) by 2011; and

WHEREAS, The compounded rate of increase for industrial and commercial customers in the City of Van Wert, and Van Wert County would amount to a sixty-two percent (62%) increase by 2011; and

WHEREAS, AEP's proposal does not cover any additional transmission cost increases, which in the future may also be requested separately and in addition to these proposed increases; and

WHEREAS, AEP also requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) authorize various riders and surcharges over and above the fifteen percent (15%) annual increase for future cost recovery; and

WHEREAS, Citizens, businesses, and governmental entities in the City of Van Wert, and Van Wert County, are already currently with tumultuous and uncertain times, including, but not limited to increased expenses and declining revenues, should not be burdened by excessive costs associated with the proposed rate increase; and

Be it **RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio, with two-thirds of all members concurring, to wit:

Section 1: The City of Van Wert vigorously and officially opposes the proposed rate increase of AEP for residents, businesses, and governmental entities, and requests that PUCO require and ensure that any rate increase granted is logically derived, reasonably justified, necessary, and in the best interests of utility users in the City of Van Wert, in the County of Van Wert, and throughout the rest of the State of Ohio.

Section 2: That the Clerk forward a copy of this Resolution by certified U.S. Mail to:

Dr. Alan R. Schriber/ PUCO Chairman
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an Emergency Measure, that this measure is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and for the further reason that Council has determined that it is immediately needed in order to notify PUCO on or before January 1, 2009, and Emergency Measure this Ordinance shall take

effect and be in force from and after its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed on this 22nd day of DECEMBER, 2008.

Thomas L. Stricker, Jr.
Thomas Stricker, Council President

ATTEST: Jill Smelser
Jill Smelser, Clerk of Council

Louis Ehmer
Louis Ehmer, Mayor