

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 025

By: Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING RECENT RATE INCREASES AND ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN DISCOUNTS BY FIRST ENERGY, AND URGING RESTORATION OF PRIOR DISCOUNTS FOR ALL-ELECTRIC HOMES.

WHEREAS, on or about June 7, 2007, FirstEnergy filed an application to increase the rates it charges for electric distribution service, and thereafter an increase was granted by the Ohio Public Utilities Commission on January 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the effects of such increase on customers who were previously on one of the "all-electric" rates are actually greater notwithstanding the FirstEnergy electric security plan and the Ohio Legislature's passage of Senate Bill 221; and

WHEREAS, under FirstEnergy's Rate Certainty Plan (RCP) approved by the PUCO in January, 2006, customers were expected to pay essentially the same prices for electricity through 2008 as they had paid in the mid-1990's; and

WHEREAS, the RCP also included a provision that special electric heating, water heating and load management rates would no longer be available to new customers or new premises beginning January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, as part of the RCP, existing customers were to be "grandfathered" continuing to receive the preferential rates as long as they continued to live in their home and the rate was in effect; however, in 2009 these "grandfathered" rates have been eliminated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council urge FirstEnergy to voluntarily resume the original "grandfathered" electric rates and discounts for all-electric homes and/or urge the Ohio Public Utilities Commission and Ohio Legislature to enact whatever measures are permissible under law in order to cause such preferential rates to be restored and re-established, and so as to temper the very dramatic rate increase imposed upon Strongsville residents and others in all-electric homes.


Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to certify copies of this Resolution to Governor Ted Strickland, to State Senator Tom Patton and

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State Representative Matt Patten, as well as to the Ohio Public Utilities Commission and to FirstEnergy's Corporate Headquarters.

Section 3. That 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 actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.


President of Council

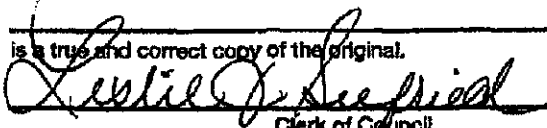
Approved: 
Mayor

Date Passed: February 16, 2010 Date Approved: Feb. 16, 2010

Attest: 
Clerk of Council

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I, the duly qualified and appointed Clerk of Council of the City of Strongsville, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. _____ Resolution No. 2010-025

is a true and correct copy of the original.

Clerk of Council