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RESOLUTION URGING PUCO TO INTERVENE AND PREVENT PERMANENT LOSS OF ORMET ALUMINUM SMELTER IN HANNIBAL OHIO

Whereas, it is unquestionably in the best interest of our community and the Ohio Valley area to retain the Ormet aluminum smelter in Hannibal, Ohio; and,

Whereas, Ormet is the third largest aluminum smelter in the country and its loss would have a predictably devastating impact on several of the Ohio Valley's already struggling communities; and,

Whereas, the closing of this facility would result in some 1000 hardworking men and women losing their jobs which provide not only the crucial financial support for their families but also the tax revenue vital to the local school district; and,

Whereas, American Electric Power (AEP), a private corporation on pace to record \$1 billion profit, almost doubled Ormet's electrical bill this year, making it impossible to continue production; and,

Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), which regulates utility rates and terms of service, has so far refused to intervene or grant Ormet relief from the rate hike; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we strongly urge Governor Kasich and PUCO to intervene to provide emergency rate relief from AEP and prevent the permanent loss of this facility and these jobs; and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be printed and delivered to Governor John Kasich, to the individual members of the PUCO and to the United Steel Workers, which represents workers in Hannibal.

Adopted this 21st day of August, 2013

Motion made by Commissioner Coffland, seconded by Commission Probst to adopt the foregoing resolution and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mrs. Favade	Absent

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Matt Coffland, Vice President

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I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Journal Entry of August 21, 2013, as recorded in Volume 94 of the County Commissioners Journal.

Jayne Long
Clerk

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