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To: The City of the Village of Douglas City Council

From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager

RE: First Reading: Ordinance to grant the Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation the right to use public areas for the establishment and operation of gas-related infrastructure

Date: August 5th, 2024

This ordinance will allow the Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation to utilize highways, streets, alleys, and other public places within the City of Douglas, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a gas distribution system. The purpose of this requested ordinance is to achieve the following:

- Constructing, maintaining, and operating a gas distribution system within the City's corporate limits.
- Establishing, constructing, maintaining, extending, and operating necessary facilities such as plants, stations, mains, pipes, conduits, valves, drips, and other related equipment.
- Supplying and distributing gas for heating and other purposes to the city and its inhabitants.
- Entering upon and using public lands to lay, maintain, operate, repair, and extend infrastructure required for gas distribution.

This ordinance aims to facilitate the efficient and safe distribution of gas within the City of Douglas, supporting both residential and commercial needs. The proposed franchise is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the ordinance, ensuring compliance with local regulations and safety standards.

Your support in approving this ordinance will enhance the infrastructure and utility services available to our community. The agreement has been thoroughly reviewed by the city attorney.