

RESOLUTION NO. R-03-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FULTON TEXAS FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.'S REQUESTED INCREASE TO ITS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RATES AND CHARGES WITHIN THE TOWN SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE TOWN'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, on or about February 29, 2024, AEP Texas Inc. ("AEP Texas" or "Company"), pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") §§ 33.001 and 36.001 filed with the Town of Fulton ("Town") a Statement of Intent to change electric delivery rates in all municipalities exercising original jurisdiction within its service area, effective April 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town is an electric utility customer of AEP Texas and a regulatory authority over the rates and charges of AEP Texas within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town is a member of the Cities Served by AEP Texas ("Cities"), a membership of similarly situated cities served by AEP Texas that have joined together to efficiently and cost effectively review and respond to electric issues affecting rates charged in AEP Texas' service area; and

WHEREAS, Cities is an intervenor in the parallel proceeding at the Public Utility Commission of Texas to review AEP Texas' filing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its exclusive original jurisdiction over AEP Texas' rates and operations within Town limits, the Town previously suspended the effective date of the Company's requested rate increase; and

WHEREAS, PURA § 33.023 provides that costs incurred by cities in ratemaking activities are to be reimbursed by the regulated utility; and

WHEREAS, the Town's attorneys and consultants recommend that the Town deny the application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the rates proposed by AEP Texas in an application submitted to the Town by the Company on or about February 29, 2024, are hereby found to be unreasonable, and are denied.

SECTION 2. That the Company shall continue to charge its existing rates for transmission and distribution service to customers with the Town.

SECTION 3. That Cities' reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by AEP Texas within 30 days of presentation of an invoice to AEP Texas.

SECTION 4. 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 that the public notice was given of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting, as required.

SECTION 5. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to AEP Texas, care of Jennifer Frederick, American Electric Power Company, 400 West 15th Street, Suite 1520, Austin, Texas 78701 (aepaustintx@aep.com), and to Thomas Brocato at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701 (tbrocato@lglawfirm.com).

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Kelli Cole, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia, Town Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Hal George, Town Attorney