

MODEL STAFF REPORT REGARDING AEP TEXAS' REQUESTED RATE CHANGE

PURPOSE:

On February 29, 2024, AEP Texas Inc. ("AEP Texas" or "Company") filed an application with cities retaining original jurisdiction seeking to increase system-wide distribution rates by \$100.4 million per year (an increase of 13.1%), and increase to system-wide transmission rates by \$63.1 million (a decrease of 9.29%). According to AEP Texas, the impact of this approval on an average residential customers would be an increase of about \$4.59 per month.

In a prior City action, AEP Texas' rate request was suspended from taking effect for 90 days, the fullest extent permissible under the law. This time period has permitted the City, through its participation with Cities Served by AEP Texas ("Cities"), to determine that the proposed rate increase is unreasonable. Consistent with the recommendations of experts engaged by Cities, AEP Texas' request for a rate increase should be denied.

Accordingly, the purpose of the Resolution is to deny the rate change application proposed by AEP Texas.

Explanation of "Be It Resolved" Sections:

SECTION 1. This paragraph finds that the Company's application is unreasonable and should be denied.

SECTION 2. This section requires AEP Texas to maintain its existing rates for transmission and distribution service to customers within the City.

SECTION 3. This section states 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).