

Wylie City Council **AGENDA REPORT**

Department:

City Manager

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Subject

Consider, and act upon, Resolution No. 2025-13(R) of the City of Wylie, Texas suspending the July 31, 2025, effective date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor to hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the Company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; 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 for the Steering Committee.

Recommendation

Motion to approve the Item as presented.

Discussion

On June 26, 2025, Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC ("Oncor" or "Company") filed an Application with cities retaining original jurisdiction seeking to increase system-wide transmission and distribution rates by about \$834 million or approximately 13 percent over present revenues. The Company asks the City to approve a 12.3 percent increase in residential rates and a 51.0 percent increase in street lighting rates. If approved, an average residential custormer would see a bill increase of about \$7.90 per month.

The resolution suspends the July 31, 2025 effective date of the Company's rate increase for the maximum period permitted by law to all the City of Wylie, working in conjunction with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor, to evaluate the filing, determine whether the filing complies with law, and if lawful, to determine what further strategy, including settlement, to pursue.

The law provides that a rate request made by an electric utility cannot become effective until at least 35 days following the filing of the application to change rates. The law permits the City of Wylie to suspend the rate change for 90 days after the date the rate change would otherwise be effective. If the City of Wylie fails to take some action regarding the filing before the effective date, Oncor's rate request is deemed administratively approved.

Explanation of "Be It Resolved" Paragraphs:

- 1. The City is authorized to suspend the rate change for 90 days after the date that the rate change would otherwise be effective for any legitimate purpose. Time to study and investigate the application is always a legitimate purpose. Please note that the resolution refers to the suspension period as "the maximum period allowed by law" rather than ending by a specific date. This is because the Company controls the effective date and can extend the deadline for final city action to increase the time that the City retains jurisdiction if necessary to reach settlement on the case. If the suspension period is not otherwise extended by the Company, the City must take final action on Oncor's request to raise rates by July 31, 2025.
- 2. This provision authorizes the Steering Committee, consistent with the City's resolution approving membership in the Steering Committee, to act on behalf of the City at the local level in settlement discussions, in preparation of a rate ordinance, on appeal of the rate ordinance to the PUC, and on appeal to the Courts. Negotiating clout and efficiency are enhanced by

the City cooperating with the Steering Committee in a common review and common purpose. Additionally, rate case expenses are minimized when the Steering Committee hires one set of attorneys and experts who work under the guidance and control of the Executive Committee of the Steering Committee.

- 3. The Company will reimburse the Steering Committee for its reasonable rate case expenses. Legal counsel and consultants approved by the Executive Committee of the Steering Committee will submit monthly invoices that will be forwarded to Oncor for reimbursement. No individual city incurs liability for payment of rate case expenses by adopting a suspension resolution.
- 4. This section recites that the Resolution was passed at a meeting that was open to the public and that the consideration of the Resolution was properly noticed.

5. This section provides that Oncor and Steering Committee counsel will be notified of the City's action by sending a copy of the approved and signed Resolution to certain designated individuals.