

RESOLUTION NO. 008-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS, SUSPENDING THE JUNE 17, 2022 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE TOWN 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.

WHEREAS, on or about May 13, 2022, Oncor Electric Delivery Company (Oncor), pursuant to PURA §§ 33.001 and 36.001 filed with the Town of Highland Park, Texas (the "Town") a Statement of Intent to increase electric transmission and distribution rates in all municipalities exercising original jurisdiction within its service area effective June 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town is a member of the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor ("Steering Committee") and will cooperate with the 169 similarly situated city members and other city participants in conducting a review of the Company's application and to hire and direct legal counsel and consultants and to prepare a common response and to negotiate with the Company prior to getting reasonable rates and direct any necessary litigation; and

WHEREAS, PURA § 36.108 grants local regulatory authorities the right to suspend the effective date of proposed rate changes for ninety (90) days after the date the rate change would otherwise be effective; and

WHEREAS, PURA § 33.023 provides that costs incurred by Cities in ratemaking proceedings are to be reimbursed by the regulated utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the June 17, 2022, effective date of the rate request submitted by Oncor on or about May 13, 2022, be suspended for the maximum period allowed by law to permit adequate time to review the proposed changes and to establish reasonable rates.

Section 2. The Executive Committee of the Steering Committee is authorized to hire and direct legal counsel and consultants, negotiate with the Company, make recommendations regarding reasonable rates, and to intervene and direct any necessary administrative proceedings or court litigation associated with an appeal of a rate ordinance and the rate case filed with the Town or Public Utility Commission.

Section 3. That the Town's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by Oncor.

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

Section 5. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Oncor, Care of Howard V. Fisher, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202 and to Thomas Brocato, Counsel to the Steering Committee, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., P.O. Box 1725, Austin, Texas 78767-1725.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Highland Park, Texas this the 7th day of June, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Matthew C.G. Boyle
Town Attorney

APPROVED:



Will C. Beecher
Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary