

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE FILED BY OHIO EDISON COMPANY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Edison Company has applied to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for a 9.7 percent rate increase amounting to approximately \$135,000,000, which will affect all classes of customers, including residents, and

WHEREAS, public utility companies possessing State monopoly positions, have a responsibility to not abuse such monopoly power and, in their rate structure, act in the public interest considering the law and not solely for private interests; and

WHEREAS, in its covering letter to governmental entities announcing this most recent rate application, Ohio Edison states that the 9.7 percent increase is needed to meet the bills it must pay to continue providing customers with reliable electric service; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that among the sundry reasons put forth by Ohio Edison in its actual rate increase application to the Public Utilities Commission justifying the increase are (1) costs of advertising and otherwise promoting increased usage of electric service, (2) unexpected additional costs associated with its attempts at developing and operating nuclear generating facilities, and (3) losses attributable to its nuclear generating efforts; and

NOW, Therefore Be It Resolved by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Ohio:

Section 1: That the Village of Richfield is opposed to the 9.7 percent rate increase recently proposed and filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio by the Ohio Edison Company, which increase shall affect all classes of electric utility customers.

Section 2: That this Council strongly urges utility companies and officials of government to reject rate increases which tend to penalize present customers and to be detrimental to the nation's economic conditions.

Section 3: That this Council strongly urges utility companies and officials of government to improve effective cost management and to seriously seek means of reducing costs in the provision of services, or alternative ways of providing revenues by means other than general rate increases to present users.

Section 4: That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Office of the Consumers Counsel, and to the State Senators and Representatives whose constituencies include electors of the Village of Richfield.

Section 5: This Resolution is determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety for the reason of the urgent need to express an early opposition to the

proposed increase in rates and charges and provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed, it shall take effect and be in force after its approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date provided by law.

Passed:

2/6/85

William G. Nagel  
Vice-President of Council

William G. Nagel  
Mayor  
(Acting Mayor)

Dated: 2/6/85

Attest:

Theresa Kealey  
Clerk of Council