

THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 08-221

INTRODUCED BY: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, McKee
Antoskiewicz, Kasaris, Mayor Stefanik

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS OF NOPEC TO ENGAGE THE CLEVELAND ELECTRICAL ILLUMINATING COMPANY IN COST SAVING MEASURES FOR CONSUMERS GENERALLY, AND FOR THE RESIDENTS OF NORTH ROYALTON IN PARTICULAR

- WHEREAS: The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (“NOPEC”) is a regional council of governments under Ohio law comprised of 126 member Ohio municipalities, counties and townships in eight (8) Northeast Ohio counties; and
- WHEREAS: NOPEC currently operates governmental energy aggregation purchasing programs for electricity and natural gas and has arranged for the electric generation supply for about 400,000 retail electricity consumers whose distribution service is provided by The Cleveland Illuminating Company and Ohio Edison Company, both First Energy Corporation companies; and
- WHEREAS: NOPEC’s customers currently all take SSO service from the Ohio Edison Company and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and are captive customers of First Energy; and
- WHEREAS: North Royalton is a member of NOPEC; and
- WHEREAS: First Energy has filed applications with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to establish an electric security plan or market rate offer as provided for in Amended Substitute Senate Bill 221; and
- WHEREAS: First Energy refuses to extend the current NOPEC generation discount from December 31, 2008 until First Energy’s permanent electric rate plan is approved by the PUCO; and
- WHEREAS: First Energy’s refusal to extend the current NOPEC generation discount until First Energy’s permanent electric rate plan is approved by the PUCO means that our residents will lose the current 5% NOPEC generation discount beginning January 1, 2009; and
- WHEREAS: Losing the current 5% NOPEC generation discount in these troubling and unstable financial times will result in undue hardship for our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The PUCO request First Energy to continue and/or extend the NOPEC generation discount from December 31, 2008 until First Energy’s permanent rate plan is approved.

Section 2. The PUCO adopt NOPEC’s recommendations in the First Energy Electric Security Plan case to eliminate the 1 cent/kwh minimum default service rider for NOPEC customers.

Section 3. The PUCO eliminate or establish a credit for NOPEC customers for the proposed generation deferral to allow NOPEC to provide generation services to our residents after January 1, 2009.

Section 4. The PUCO prevent First Energy from making excessive profits at the expense of economically-challenged, hard-working Ohioans.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

THEREFORE, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Vincent A. Gentile
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: December 2, 2008

DATE APPROVED: December 3, 2008

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading December 2, 2008

YEAS: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey,
McKee, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris
NAYS: none