THE CITY COUNCIL OF
NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 09-74  INTRODUCED BY: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris, Mayor Stefanik

A RESOLUTION URGING FIRSTENERGY CORP. TO UTILIZE WIND POWER IN PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON

WHEREAS: In response to scientific studies indicating potential changes to the global climate if the use of fossil fuels continues to increase, the development of alternative energy sources has become an urgent priority; and

WHEREAS: Lake Erie is a great natural resource containing clean renewable energy in the form of wind power that belongs to the people, which has been bestowed upon the people by the natural forces of our planet through our Creator; and

WHEREAS: FirstEnergy Corporation should take a leadership role in this region, partner with regional businesses to build Ohio projects such as these “Fresh Water” wind farms that harness the wind power from our Great Lake Erie, that will help create jobs in Ohio; and

WHEREAS: We encourage FirstEnergy to support the development of an Ohio Wind industry to include inland and offshore production, and provide assistance and support to make the projects commercially viable; and

WHEREAS: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, funding sources, loans, and overall stimulus monies should be sought and encouraged for this undertaking if at all possible; and

WHEREAS: Wind energy is one of the most cost-competitive alternative energy technologies at about 3 to 5 cents per kilowatt-hour; and

WHEREAS: Wind energy is a renewable, sustainable energy source that does not deplete our natural resources like coal or petroleum based products; and

WHEREAS: Wind energy is 100% natural, clean and healthy and does not produce any of the harmful byproducts that fossil fuels and nuclear power create such as carbon dioxide and carbon sulfur emissions; and

WHEREAS: The use of wind power will reduce energy costs and strengthen energy security while promoting economic development and domestic job creation.

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 City of North Royalton hereby encourages FirstEnergy to support the development of an Ohio Wind industry including offshore production and that the utility provide assistance and support to make the projects commercially viable.


Section 3. 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 APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL MAYOR
DATE PASSED: July 21, 2009 DATE APPROVED: July 22, 2009
First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading July 21, 2009

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

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