

RESOLUTION 2013-21

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY AEP TCC TO REVIEW AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY'S REQUESTED APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT TO ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR; HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES 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 LEGAL COUNSEL.

WHEREAS, on or about May 31, 2013, AEP Texas Central Company ("TCC" or "Company"), pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Act ("PURA") § 39.905 and Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission" or "PUC") Substantive Rule § 25.181(f), filed with the Commission an application for a 2014 Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor ("EECRF"), PUC Docket No. 41538; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Feria will cooperate with similarly situated city members and other city participants located within the TCC service area 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 and direct any necessary litigation; and

WHEREAS, working with the Steering Committee of cities served by AEP TCC ("Steering Committee") to review the rates charged by TCC allows members to accomplish more collectively than each city could do acting alone; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee has a history of participation in PUC dockets and projects, as well as court proceedings, affecting transmission and distribution utility rates in TCC's service area to protect the interests of municipalities and electric customers residing within municipal boundaries; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LA FERIA, TEXAS:

1. That the City is authorized to participate in the Steering Committee in Docket No. 41538.

2. That subject to the right to terminate employment at any time, the City of La Feria hereby authorizes the hiring of the law firm of Lloyd Gosselink and consultants to negotiate with the Company, make recommendations to the City regarding reasonable rates and to direct any necessary administrative proceedings or court litigation associated with an appeal of this application filed with the PUC.

3. That the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by TCC.

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.

5. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Chris Brewster, Counsel to the Steering Committee, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900, Austin, Texas 78701.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 11th day of June 2013.

APPROVED:



Steve Brewer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Olga Oberwetter, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Richard S. Talbert, City Attorney