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LAW DEPARTMENT
DRAFT NO. 0491

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING DOMINION ENERGY OHIO'S PROPOSED THIRTY PERCENT RATE INCREASE AND REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO DENY DOMINION ENERGY OHIO'S REQUEST FOR THE SAME; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 4718/2024

WHEREAS, the City of Warren, Ohio, and its residents currently receive natural gas distribution service from Dominion Energy Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Dominion Energy Ohio has filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), in Case No. 23-0894-GA-AIR, a request for a thirty percent (30%) increase for the natural gas distribution services it provides to consumers; and

WHEREAS, Dominion Energy Ohio has proposed a distribution rate increase for consumers which would increase consumers' monthly fixed Basic Service Charge for natural gas distribution service from \$43.27 to \$56.31; and

WHEREAS, Dominion Energy Ohio has proposed to increase other fixed monthly distribution charges to consumers by more than \$8.78 per month starting in 2025, and increasing by as much as \$29.69 per month by 2032; and

WHEREAS, large rate increases in natural gas distribution service may negatively impact the City's efforts to attract new business and jobs, depress the housing market, and place an undue financial burden on residents; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That this Council and the Administration do hereby oppose Dominion Energy Ohio's proposal to increase the monthly fixed Basic Service Charge for natural gas distribution service to consumers by 30%, and request that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny such a rate increase to consumers.

Section 2: That this Council and the Administration do hereby oppose Dominion Energy Ohio's proposal to increase other fixed monthly distribution charges to consumers to more than \$8.78 per month starting in 2025, and request that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny such a rate increase to consumers.

Section 3: That the Clerk of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Attn: Docketing Division (Case No. 23-0894-GA-AIR), 180 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, and that a copy of this Resolution be recorded in the Minutes of this meeting.

Section 4: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety, and welfare. A further reason is that it is immediately necessary for this Council to express its opposition to the proposed rate increase, which will financially impact residents. WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall go into immediate effect.

Passed in Council this 24TH day of April, 2024.

SIGNED: [Signature]
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: [Signature]
CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 4-24-2024

DATE APPROVED: 4-24-2024

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MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO