

ORDINANCE 2020-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER ENTERGY SERVICE AREA CITIES IN MATTERS CONCERNING ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. AT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS IN 2020; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LAWYERS AND RATE EXPERTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW AT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Cities have exclusive original jurisdiction over rates, operations, and services of an electric utility in areas in the municipality pursuant to *Tex. Util. Code* § 33.001;

WHEREAS, Cities have standing in each case before the Public Utility Commission of Texas that relates to an electric utility providing service in the municipality pursuant to *Tex. Util. Code* § 33.025;

WHEREAS, Entergy Texas, Inc. (“ETI” or “Company”) is expected to litigate rate change requests in various proceedings before the Public Utility Commission of Texas or before municipalities in 2020, which may include (1) rate proceedings or cost adjustments such as a transmission cost recovery rider, a distribution cost recovery rider, energy efficiency cost recovery factor, or hurricane restoration cost or offset true-ups, and (2) various fuel cost refunds or surcharges and reconciliations;

WHEREAS, ETI is scheduled to file fuel factor proceedings at the Public Utility Commission in February and August 2020, and may file other fuel proceedings to refund or surcharge fuel charges;

WHEREAS, ETI is scheduled to file a proceeding to recover costs incurred in association with its Energy Efficiency Plan as well as reconcile past costs;

WHEREAS, Cities have the statutory right to set fair and reasonable rates for both the Company and customers within Cities; and

WHEREAS, Cities are entitled to reimbursement by the utility of their reasonable rate case expenses to participate in cases that are deemed rate proceedings pursuant to *Tex. Util. Code* § 33.023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, that:

SECTION 1. The City of Huntsville shall participate with other Cities to intervene in ETI’s various rate filings related to the various fuel cost surcharges and reconciliations, any interim or incremental surcharge proceedings or surcharge adjustments, and for any base rate adjustment proceedings or cost of service adjustments on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas or with municipalities in 2020.

SECTION 2. The City of Huntsville employs the Lawton Law Firm P.C. to represent the City with regard to the ETI rate matters before local and Public Utility Commission of Texas and any court of law and authorizes counsel to employ rate experts as are recommended by the Cities' Steering Committee to intervene in fuel or rate related proceedings at the Public Utility Commission concerning ETI's rates charged to Texas customers.

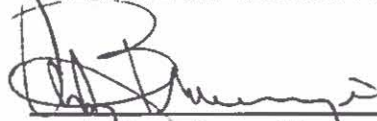
SECTION 3. All such actions shall be taken pursuant to the direction of the Cities' Steering Committee. Cities' Steering Committee shall have authority to retain rate consultants and lawyers. Cities' Steering Committee shall direct the actions of Cities' representatives in the above proceedings. The Steering Committee is directed to obtain reimbursement from ETI of all reasonable expenses associated with participation in said proceedings.

SECTION 4. The meeting at which this Ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED by 9-0 vote of the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Texas, this 21st day of January 2020.

THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS



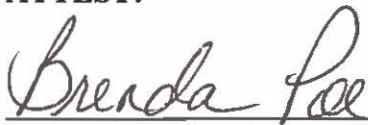
Andy Brauning, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Leonard Schneider, City Attorney

ATTEST:



Brenda Poe, City Secretary