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CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO'S PROPOSED 30% RATE INCREASE AND REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITES COMMISSION OF OHIO DENY ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO'S REQUEST FOR THE SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls and its residents currently receive natural gas distribution service from Enbridge Gas Ohio; and

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

WHEREAS, Enbridge Gas Ohio has proposed a distribution rate increase for consumers which would increase consumers monthly fixed Basic Service Charge for natural gas distribution service from \$43.24 to \$56.31; and

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

WHEREAS, large rate increases in natural gas distribution services may place an undue financial burden on residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit and State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Council and Administration hereby oppose Enbridge Gas 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. 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 of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

Section 3. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

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