

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN PROTESTING ELECTRIC UTILITY
RATE IMPACTS OF PROPOSED POWER PLANT TRANSFERS**

- Whereas,** *the City of Morgantown has made extensive investments in energy efficiency in recent years, and*
- Whereas,** *these investments have generated substantial budget savings for the City thereby reducing the cost of City operations to the taxpayer; and*
- Whereas,** *these energy efficiency investments have served as a model for other municipalities in West Virginia; and*
- Whereas,** *First Energy has submitted an application (Case # 12-1571-E-PC) to the West Virginia Public Service Commission for approval to transfer full ownership of the Harrison power station to its Monongahela Power subsidiary; and*
- Whereas,** *This transfer is projected to add over \$1.1 billion to the rate base of West Virginia customers, including the City of Morgantown; and*
- Whereas,** *First Energy has proposed a rate increase of six percent for residential and commercial customers, and seven tenths of one percent for industrial customers, to recover the cost of acquiring the Harrison power station; and*
- Whereas,** *First Energy justifies this transaction as necessary to meet their projections of future increases in electricity demand; and*
- Whereas,** *Investments in energy efficiency provide a more cost-effective way to meet electricity needs than acquisition of additional electricity generation capacity; and*
- Whereas,** *Energy efficiency provides numerous environmental benefits by reducing the adverse impacts of energy generation on air, water and the land; and*
- Whereas,** *Investments in energy efficiency can create thousands of new jobs in West Virginia; and*
- Whereas,** *An aggressive energy efficiency program would meet future electricity needs at a fraction of the cost of purchasing additional generating capacity; and*
- Whereas,** *First Energy already invests in similar energy efficiency programs in Ohio and Maryland;*

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Morgantown City Council objects to the proposed transfer because of the high costs and unnecessary hardships that would be imposed on the City and its ratepayers; and

Be it further resolved, on this _____ day of May, 2013, Morgantown City Council directs the City Manager to file with the West Virginia Public Service Commission a copy of this resolution and a letter of protest urging the application for transfer be rejected.

Mayor

City Clerk