

## **Resolution of the City of Morgantown Concerning 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 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,** FirstEnergy 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 more than \$1.1 billion to the rate base of West Virginia customers, including the City of Morgantown; and
- Whereas,** FirstEnergy has proposed a rate increase for residential, commercial and industrial customers, to recover the cost of acquiring the Harrison power station; and
- Whereas,** FirstEnergy justifies this transaction as necessary to meet their projections of future increases in electricity demand; and
- Whereas,** Transfer of these facilities from FirstEnergy assets in Ohio to its Monongahela Power subsidiary will assess West Virginia customers with additional costs; and
- Whereas,** Investments in environmentally safe electricity generation through clean technology, co-generation, and alternative energy sources can provide a more cost-effective way to meet electricity needs; and
- Whereas,** Investments in energy efficiency and power demand management can reduce electricity needs necessitating additional generation capacity; and
- Whereas,** Energy efficiency and environmentally safe energy generation provide numerous environmental benefits by reducing the adverse impacts of energy generation on air, water, and the land, however may also increase customer rates; and

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**Whereas,** Investments in energy efficiency and environmentally safe generation can create new jobs and generate taxes in West Virginia; and

**Whereas,** Aggressive environmentally safe energy generation and energy efficiency programs can reduce the need for the purchase of additional generating capacity; and

**Whereas,** FirstEnergy invests in energy efficiency programs in Ohio and Maryland;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Morgantown City Council is concerned with the proposed transfer because of the potentially high costs and unnecessary hardships that could 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 concern urging the application for transfer be evaluated to the fullest extent with regards to protection for ratepayers and future generation needs.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

# Resolution of the City of Morgantown Protesting Electric Utility Rate Impacts of Proposed Power Plant Transfers

- Whereas,** FirstEnergy 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,** Investments in environmentally safe electricity generation through cleaner technology, co-generation, and alternative energy sources can provide a more prudent way to meet electricity needs; and
- Whereas,** Investments in energy efficiency and power demand management can reduce electricity needs and the need for additional generation capacity; and
- Whereas,** Energy efficiency and environmentally safe energy generation provide numerous environmental benefits by reducing the adverse impacts of energy generation on air, water and land, however, these may also increase ratepayer costs; and
- Whereas,** Investments in energy efficiency and environmentally safe energy generation can create new jobs and generate taxes in West Virginia; and
- Whereas,** Aggressive environmentally safe energy generation and energy efficiency programs can reduce the need for purchase of additional generating capacity; and
- Whereas,** FirstEnergy invests in energy efficiency programs in Ohio and Maryland;
- Whereas,** The City of Morgantown has made extensive investments in energy efficiency in recent years; and
- Whereas,** These investments have generated 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,** FirstEnergy 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;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Morgantown City Council opposes 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 21st 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.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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