

RESOLUTION NO. R-4-26

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING FIRST ENERGY’S REQUEST TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO FOR LONGER RESTORATION TIMES FOR CITY OF AVON RESIDENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Avon is located within the electric distribution territory served exclusively by First Energy-Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. (CEI); and

WHEREAS, in past years, and especially in 2024 and 2025, the City has experienced repeated and prolonged power outages; and

WHEREAS, these outages create serious risks to public safety, including disruptions of powered medical equipment, loss of refrigerated medications, loss of heating and cooling, as well as financial hardship to residents from the loss of perishable foods; and

WHEREAS, outages also effect the delivery of City services reducing the effectiveness of police, fire, and public service personnel; and

WHEREAS, further reductions in reliability standards would be detrimental to residents of Avon, who already face increasing outages and prolonged restoration times; and

WHEREAS, First Energy-CEI have charged customers increased rates for grid modifications to allow “faster restoration of service following outages” according to PUCO filings, yet the City has not experienced faster restoration nor decreased outages since 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Avon and its residents object to the request of First Energy-CEI to change or modify the proposed reliability standards with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, COUNTY OF LORAIN AND STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1 – That the Council and Mayor of the City of Avon, Ohio hereby strongly object to the application of First Energy and CEI requesting changes to Company-Wide Reliability Performance Standards currently before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Section 2 – That Council will stay informed of the results of the proceedings through reports from the Mayor and the Law Director, including at Executive Session if warranted.

Section 3 – That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the City of Avon concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council of the City of Avon and that all deliberations of this City's Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4 – That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity to express opposition to the First Energy-CEI application to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for longer restoration times for Avon customers; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: _____

DATE SIGNED: _____

By: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: _____

Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council

POSTED: _____
Electronically and at City Hall as
Provided by Council

Prepared By:

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Law Director