

Village OF Spencer, OHIO

RESOLUTION

R-4-86

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO'S CONTINUOUS NEGOTIATION.

WHEREAS, Columbia Gas of Ohio has entered into a joint stipulation with the Ohio Consumers' Counsel to freeze its rates and charges for gas service throughout its service area, for 1986 which will affect all classes of general service customers, regardless of volume of gas purchased; and

WHEREAS, public utility companies possessing State and Federal granted monopoly positions have a responsibility not to abuse such monopoly power and, in their rate structure, act in the public interest considering the general state of the economy, and not solely for private interest; and,

WHEREAS, in an attempt to justify its intended application to increase its rates after the non-negotiation time frame has ended, Columbia Gas of Ohio is expected to contend that it is entitled to such since it has frozen its rates and did not seek an increase and that an inflation in its costs has occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utility Commission of Ohio, Federal and State legislators in the best interest of consumers served by Columbia Gas of Ohio can institute a Uniform Gas Rate in order to achieve fair and justifiable rates to citizens of Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Spencer, County of Medina and State of Ohio:

SECTION I: That the Spencer Village Council is vehemently and steadfastly opposed to the rate increase application intended to be filed by Columbia Gas of Ohio with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, in 1986 which seeks increases in gas service rates, at the termination of the joint stipulation agreement.

SECTION II: That this Council strongly urges utility companies and officials of government to reject rate increases which are proposed merely -- in actuality -- to generate increased revenues and profit, and which tend to penalize present utility customers and be detrimental to the nation's economic conditions.

SECTION III: That this Council strongly urges utility companies and officials of government to improve effective cost management and to seriously seek alternative means of reducing costs in the provision of services, or alternative ways of

SECTION V: That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Ohio, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Office of the Consumers' Counsel, and to the State and Federal Senators and Representatives whose constituency includes residents of Village of Spencer.

SECTION VI: 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including without limitations, §121.23 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION VII: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 6-18-86

EFFECTIVE: 6-18-86

POSTED: 6-18-86

[Signature]
Mayor

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Council President

Attest: *[Signature]*
Clerk

Prepared and Approved as to legal form by:

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CERTIFICATE