

RESOLUTION NO. CR-2-83

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING HOUSE BILL 4 AND URGING ITS ADOPTION  
BY THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE OHIO SENATE

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WHEREAS, on March 2, 1982, the House Public Utilities Committee of the Ohio General Assembly, Representative Ronald James, the Chairman, with bi-partisan support adopted a report on the Gas Purchasing and Pricing Practices of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., concluding a six month Committee investigation; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4 has been introduced to implement the recommendations of that report; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grove City, Ohio and its citizens are served by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. negotiates utility rates at the local level with more than 300 municipalities, and the rates for different municipalities are based on conflicting legal standards; and according to a December, 1982 survey by the Office of the Consumers' Counsel, Columbia Gas' municipal rates are higher than those of Ohio's other major gas utilities; and House Bill 4 will greatly strengthen the position of municipalities in gas rate negotiations; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4 would further secure substantive rate reform for utility consumers by restricting the automatic pass-through of high-cost gas, limiting utilities' recovery for construction work in progress, and requiring the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to consider management efficiency in rate cases; and

WHEREAS, substantive rate reform, such as that provided for in House Bill 4, is a key to obtaining necessary rate relief for those on fixed incomes, as well as for schools, businesses, and all other Ohio utility consumers; and

WHEREAS, the ratemaking practices of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. are unreasonable and the resultant burden of utility rate increases born by Ohio utility consumers is severe, so that State action for a remedy is required at the earliest possible moment;

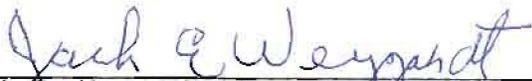
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT

SECTION 1. The City of Grove City endorses House Bill 4 and respectfully urges that it be brought to prompt floor votes and adopted by the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio State Senate.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Richard F. Celeste, House Speaker Vernal Riffe, Senate President Harry Meshele, Representative Otto Beatty, Senator Marcus Roberto, Representative Rocco Colonna, Michael Schwarzwald, Ohio Senate, Don Gilmore, Representative, Ohio Consumer's Counsel William A. Spratley and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately according to law.

Submitted: 2/21/83

  
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Jack E. Weygandt, President of Council

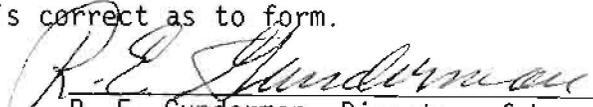
Passed: 2/21/83

  
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Robert E. Evans, Mayor

Effective: 2/21/83

Attest:   
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June A. Cook, Clerk of Council

I Certify that this resolution is correct as to form.

  
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R. E. Gunderman, Director of Law