

17-R-96

A Resolution

Council Energy Sub-Committee

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston has been analyzing its electric service options, given the expiration of its current franchise with Commonwealth Edison Company in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston has been greatly concerned about electric service reliability, particularly in light of the history of various power outages in Evanston in the 1980's, 1990's, and most recently those occurring in Evanston's central business district on August 16 and November 29, 1995; and

WHEREAS, numerous issues related to increased competition and deregulation in the electric utility industry, both in Illinois, and in many other states, and in the federal government, are being discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Commerce Commission is the Illinois administrative agency charged with the regulation of the electric utility industry in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has formed a technical Advisory Group to advise it on numerous competition/deregulation issues and is considering numerous bills related to service reliability and competition/ deregulation issues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston desires to take all action necessary to ensure present and future service reliability and to optimize the ability of its citizens - residential, commercial, and institutional - to benefit from the coming major changes in the electric industry and emerging electric service options:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That it consult with its intergovernmental affairs consultant to facilitate a meeting between the Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission and City of Evanston representatives to:

- A. Clarify the status of the I.C.C. investigations of the above outages, and seek detailed assessment of March 1, 1996 letter from Mr. Miller;**
- B. Identify specific I.C.C. activities taken and to be taken in relation to the investigation and to determine a timetable for the completion of the investigation;**
- C. Request that the I.C.C. commence a study of system reliability in the electrical distribution system throughout the entire City of Evanston;**
- D. Discuss current and anticipated docket items before the I.C.C. related to competition/deregulation issues in the electric utility industry in Illinois; and**

SECTION 2. In the absence of action satisfactory to the City by the I.C.C. in relation to subparagraphs 1.A. through 1.C. above, the City will consult with its Intergovernmental Affairs Consultant and other appropriate persons to consider the filing of complaints, petitions, or requests for intervention before the I.C.C. related to system reliability in Evanston;

SECTION 3: That it discuss with its intergovernmental affairs consultant in order to monitor, consider, suggest, and advocate legislation or other regulatory initiatives, both state and federal, that will allow all of Evanston's citizens to enhance their position in relation to emerging electric service options; and

SECTION 4: Following, and as part of the above activities, City staff should be directed to prepare a request for proposals and/or a request for qualifications for a person/firm who will consult with the City and its intergovernmental affairs consultant to formulate a plan of action to pursue most effectively issues of system reliability and competition/deregulation.

SECTION 5: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.


Lorraine H. Norton
Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristen F. Davis
City Clerk (MHA)

Adopted: May 20, 1996