



City Council Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date: April 2, 2019

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Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing	Action Item
<p>Item Title: Consider a Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor and authorizing the payment of membership dues to fund regulatory and related activities related to the Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC.</p>		

How this item ties-in with the City’s Mission, Vision and Values: The City of Forney has the responsibility to ensure effective and efficient delivery of services to its citizens [Accountable].

Summary Statement

Purpose of the Resolution:

The City of Forney is a member of a 162-member city coalition known as the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor. The proposed resolution approves the assessment of an eight cent (\$0.08) per capita fee to fund the activities of the Steering Committee.

Why this Resolution is Necessary

The Steering Committee undertakes activities on behalf of municipalities for which it needs funding support from its members. Municipalities have original jurisdiction over the electric distribution rates and services within the city. The Steering Committee has been in existence since the late 1980s. It took on a formal structure in the early 1990s. Empowered by city resolutions and funded by per capita assessments, the Steering Committee has been the primary public interest advocate before the Public Utility Commission, ERCOT, the courts, and the Legislature on electric utility regulation matters for over two decades.

The Steering Committee is actively involved in rate cases, appeals, rulemakings, and legislative efforts impacting the rates charged by Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC within the City. Steering Committee representation is also strong at ERCOT. It is possible that additional efforts will be necessary on new issues that arise during the year, and it is important that the Steering Committee be able to fund its participation on behalf of its member cities. A per capita assessment has historically been used, and is a fair method for the members to bear the burdens associated with the benefits received from that membership.

II. This paragraph authorizes payment of the City’s assessment to the Steering Committee in the amount of eight cents (\$0.08) per capita, based on the population figure for the City as shown in the latest TML Directory of City Officials.

III. This paragraph requires notification to the Chair of the Steering Committee, Paige Mims, that the City has adopted the Resolution.

Assessment

The City’s fee for continued membership in the Steering Committee is an amount of eight cents (\$0.08) per capita, based on the population figure for the City as shown on the latest TML Directory of City Officials. The fee comes to \$1,626.88 for 2019.