A RESOLUTION CREATING A COMMUNITY-WIDE COMMITTEE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF UTILITY RATE INCREASES AFFECTING THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, AND ITS CITIZENS

WHEREAS, at least one major utility serving Urbana has indicated a likelihood of substantial rate increase requests in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Illinois, is a user of utility services and will be affected by any rate increases granted by the Illinois Commerce Commission; and

WHEREAS, increases in the rates for utility services are a matter of concern to citizens of the City of Urbana, a matter upon which individual citizens could act only at high personal cost; and

WHEREAS, the City of Champaign, Illinois, has expressed an interest in a cooperative study of an expected rate increase request by a major utility serving both cities, and other government agencies similarly affected may also be willing to participate,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

- 1. That there is hereby created a community-wide committee to investigate utility rate increase requests affecting the City of Urbana and its citizens
  - A. The committee shall consist of not less than three

    (3) members appointed by the Mayor with the approval

    of the Council.
  - B. The functions of this committee shall include the following:
    - investigate whether there appears to be any reasonable basis for officially protesting utility rate increases as proposed to the Illinois Commerce Commission,
    - (2) recommend to the Urbana City Council courses of action, if any, which the City should consider with respect to any proposed rate increase for utility service, and
    - (3) estimate the cost of any actions recommended to the City Council.

- 2. That the Mayor is hereby directed to contact and to seek the cooperation of the City of Champaign and other government agencies as the Mayor deems advisable in the committee's investigation of any proposed increases in utility rates and in the subsequent implementation of any courses of action adopted by the City Council.
- 3. That the Mayor is hereby directed to report, as soon as possible, to the City Council on the investigation and recommendations of the committee and on contacts and cooperative efforts with the City of Champaign and other government agencies, and to present a plan for the implementation of any courses of action recommended by the committee as a result of contacts and cooperation with others.

	PASSED by the City Council of Urbana, Illinois, this
2/	day of <u>June</u> , 1976.
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	Duane Eckerty, City Clerk
	APPROVED by the Mayor this $23$ day of
1976.	

Hiram Paley, Mayor