A RESOLUTION FOR A JOINT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN INTERVENTION CONTESTING THE ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY RATE INCREASE REQUEST CURRENTLY FILED WITH THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Illinois Power Company has filed a request with the Illinois Commerce Commission for a substantial rate increase and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, Illinois is a user of utility services and will be affected by this rate increase if 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 Committee for the Investigation of Utility Rate Increases has carefully reviewed the Illinois Power Company supporting testimony submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission and has determined that this testimony does not adequately justify their rate increase request; and

WHEREAS, a Champaign, Illinois committee investigating the Illinois
Power Company rate increase request is in concurrence with the findings of
the Urbana Committee for the Investigation of Utility Rate Increases; and

WHEREAS, the City of Champaign has expressed an interest in a cooperative intervention contesting the rate increase requested by Illinois Power Company, and other governmental agencies similarly affected may also be willing to participate,

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

- 1. the Mayor of Urbana shall, together with the City Manager of Champaign, consult with the legal staffs and the committees for investigation of utility rate increases of the two cities, in order to arrange for the retention of the legal and technical consulting services necessary to adequately represent the cities of Urbana and Champaign and their citizens before the Illinois Commerce Commission concerning the Illinois Power Company's current rate increase request. The function of the legal and technical consultants shall be to:
  - (a) conduct an effective cross-examination of the Illinois

    Power Company witnesses currently scheduled to testify

    before the Illinois Commerce Commission, and
  - (b) prepare a summary report at the close of cross-examinations advising the cities of Urbana and Champaign concerning the best course of further action.

- 2. the Mayor of Urbana, together with the City Manager of Champaign, shall contact and seek the cooperation of other municipalities and government agencies within the area affected by the requested Illinois Power Company rate increase.
- 3. the expenses of this joint intervention be allocated on a per capita basis among the participants and shall not exceed \$10,000 in total unless additional funds are approved by the City Councils of Urbana and Champaign.
- 4. no legal and technical consulting services shall be retained unless both Urbana and Champaign agree to participate as outlined above.

PASSED by the City Council this 47 day of octob.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 4 day of Od