

RESOLUTION NO. 8182-R43

A RESOLUTION
IN PROTEST OF THE PROPOSED COST INCREASE
OF ELECTRICITY - ILLINOIS POWER COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Illinois Power Company has filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission, a request for an average 19.9 percent increase in electric rates to become effective in 1983; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Power Company was granted a 19.9 percent increase in electric rates on July 1, 1981; and

WHEREAS, recent rate increases requested by and granted to the Illinois Power Company exceed the rise in the Cost of Living by substantial amounts; and

WHEREAS, these increases are causing financial hardship to many persons, businesses and institutions during a time of national recession; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Power Company and its shareholders should be involved to the greatest extent possible in cost economies, reductions in profit margins, reductions in work force where possible and other cutbacks in operations to reduce the amount of increase necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana as a corporate entity is a user of substantial quantities of electrical energy in furtherance of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City. These uses include the operation of public facilities, the illumination of the public ways and the regulation of traffic signals to name a few; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council as representatives of the voters of the City have the duty to participate in the rate making process where it appears that a utility's request for a rate making increase is unjustified; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 111 2/3 Illinois Revised Statutes, Section 68, the City is empowered to investigate in any proceeding "relating to the rates or other charges or services of public utilities within such city"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is a home rule municipality under the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and may exercise powers pertaining to its government and affairs, including an investigation of the regulatory process involved in setting the price of electricity.

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Urbana hereby express their opposition to the requested rate increase of Illinois Power Company.

Section 2. That the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized to enter his appearance on behalf of the City in the rate making proceeding before the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Section 3. That the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized to mail a certified copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

PASSED by the City Council this 19th day of April 1982.


Ruth S. Brookens
Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 27th day of April 1982.

Jeffrey T. Markland
Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor