



## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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City Hall Council Chambers, 298 West Washington Street  
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM

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### AGENDA

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### REGULAR AGENDA

1. Consider Approval of Resolution Renaming FM 988
2. Consider Approval of an Assessment Resolution for Steering Committee of Cities Served by Atmos Energy
3. Consider Approval of an Assessment Resolution for Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor

#### ADJOURN

*Note: The Stephenville City Council may convene into Executive Session on any matter related to any of the above agenda items for a purpose, such closed session allowed under Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.*

***In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who need accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting should contact City Hall at 254-918-1287 within 48 hours prior to the meeting to request such assistance.***



## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Assessment Resolution for Steering Committee of Cities Served by Atmos Energy

**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jason King, City Manager

### PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

Most municipalities have retained original jurisdiction over gas utility rates and services within municipal limits. The Atmos Cities Steering Committee (“ACSC”) is composed of 178 municipalities in the service area of Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division that have retained original jurisdiction. Atmos is a monopoly provider of natural gas. Because Atmos has no competitors, regulation of the rates that it charges its customers is the only way that cities can ensure that natural gas rates are fair. Working as a coalition to review the rates charged by Atmos allows cities to accomplish more collectively than each city could do acting alone. Cities have more than 100 years experience in regulating natural gas rates in Texas.

ACSC is the largest coalition of cities served by Atmos Mid-Tex. There are 178 ACSC member cities, which represent more than 60 percent of the total load served by Atmos-Mid Tex. ACSC protects the authority of municipalities over the monopoly natural gas provider and defends the interests of residential and small commercial customers within the cities. Although many of the activities undertaken by ACSC are connected to rate cases (and therefore expenses are reimbursed by the utility), ACSC also undertakes additional activities on behalf of municipalities for which it needs funding support from its members.

### THE ACSC MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT SUPPORTS IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES

ACSC is actively involved in rate cases, appeals, rulemakings, and legislative efforts impacting the rates charged by Atmos within the City. These activities will continue throughout the calendar year. It is possible that additional efforts will be necessary on new issues that arise during the year, and it is important that ACSC 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

### EXPLANATION OF “BE IT RESOLVED PARAGRAPHS

- I. The City is currently a member of the Steering Committee; this paragraph authorizes the continuation of the City’s membership.
- II. This paragraph authorizes payment of the City’s assessment to the Steering Committee in the amount of five cents (\$0.05) per capita, based on the population figure for the City as shown in the latest TML Directory of City Officials.
- III. This paragraph requires payment of the 2023 assessment be made and a copy of the resolution be sent to the Steering Committee.

### PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT

The assessment payment check should be made out to “Atmos Cities Steering Committee” and mailed to Brandi Stigler, Atmos Cities Steering Committee, c/o Arlington City Attorney’s Office, Mail Stop 63-0300, 101 S. Mesquite St., Suite 300, Arlington, Texas 76010.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-xx****A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FIVE CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Stephenville is a regulatory authority under the Gas Utility Regulatory Act (GURA) and has exclusive original jurisdiction over the rates and services of Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division (Atmos) within the municipal boundaries of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) has historically intervened in Atmos rate proceedings and gas utility related rulemakings to protect the interests of municipalities and gas customers residing within municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, ACSC is participating in Railroad Commission dockets and projects, as well as court proceedings and legislative activities, affecting gas utility rates; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of ACSC; and

WHEREAS, in order for ACSC to continue its participation in these activities which affects the provision of gas utility service and the rates to be charged, it must assess its members for such costs.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS:**

- I. That the City is authorized to continue its membership with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee to protect the interests of the City of Stephenville and protect the interests of the customers of Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division residing and conducting business within the City limits.
- II. The City is further authorized to pay its 2023 assessment to the ACSC in the amount of five cents (\$0.05) per capita.
- III. A copy of this Resolution and approved assessment fee payable to "Atmos Cities Steering Committee" shall be sent to: Brandi Stigler, Atmos Cities Steering Committee, c/o Arlington City Attorney's Office, Mail Stop 63-0300, 101 S. Mesquite St., Suite 300, Arlington, Texas 76010

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

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Doug Svien, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah Lockenour, City Secretary

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Reviewed by Jason King,  
City Manager

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Randy Thomas, City Attorney  
Approved as to form and legality



## STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Assessment Resolution for Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor

**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jason King, City Manager

### PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

The City of Stephenville is a member of a 162-member city coalition known as the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor (Steering Committee). The resolution approves the assessment of a ten cent (\$0.10) per capita fee to fund the activities of the Steering Committee.

### WHY THE 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 three 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.

### EXPLANATION OF "BE IT RESOLVED PARAGRAPHS

- I. The City is currently a member of the Steering Committee; this paragraph authorizes the continuation of the City's membership.
- II. This paragraph authorizes payment of the City's assessment to the Steering Committee in the amount of ten cents (\$0.10) per capita, based on the population figure for the City as shown in the latest TML Directory of City Officials.
- III. This paragraph requires payment of the 2023 assessment be made and a copy of the resolution be sent to the Steering Committee.

### PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT

A copy of the resolution should be mailed with payment of the fee to Brandi Stigler, Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor, c/o City Attorney's Office, Mail Stop 63-0300, 101 S. Mesquite St., Suite 300, Arlington, Texas 76010. Checks should be made payable to: Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-xx**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF TEN CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC.**

WHEREAS, the City of Stephenville is a regulatory authority under the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) and has exclusive original jurisdiction over the rates and services of Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC (Oncor) within the municipal boundaries of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of Cities Served By Oncor (Steering Committee) has historically intervened in Oncor rate proceedings and electric utility related rulemakings to protect the interests of municipalities and electric customers residing within municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee is participating in Public Utility Commission dockets and projects, as well as court proceedings, and legislative activity, affecting transmission and distribution utility rates; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee functions under the direction of an Executive Committee which sets an annual budget and directs interventions before state and federal agencies, courts and legislatures, subject to the right of any member to request and cause its party status to be withdrawn from such activities; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee at its December 2022 meeting set a budget for 2023 that compels an assessment of ten cents (\$0.10) per capita; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Steering Committee to continue its participation in these activities which affects the provision of electric utility service and the rates to be charged, it must assess its members for such costs.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS:**

- I. That the City is authorized to continue its membership with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor to protect the interests of the City of Stephenville and protect the interests of the customers of Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC residing and conducting business within the City limits.
- II. The City is further authorized to pay its assessment to the Steering Committee of ten cents (\$0.10) per capita based on the population figures for the City shown in the latest TML Directory of City Officials.
- III. A copy of this Resolution and the assessment payment check made payable to "Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor" shall be sent to Brandi Stigler, Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor, c/o City Attorney's Office, Mail Stop 63-0300, 101 S. Mesquite St., Suite 300, Arlington, Texas 76010.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

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