

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WESTON LAKES AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GULF COAST COALITION OF CITIES ("GCCC") FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE INTEREST OF THE CITY AND ITS CITIZENS WITH RESPECT TO ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITY MATTERS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO LEGAL COUNSEL.

WHEREAS, the City of Weston Lakes, Texas ("City") is an electric and gas utility customer and a regulatory authority with an interest in the rates that it and its citizens are charged; and

WHEREAS, the City is concerned about the impact of such rates on its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities ("GCCC") is a coalition of similarly situated political subdivisions in the Greater Houston area that represents the interests of its members on gas and electric utility matters before the Public Utility Commission, the Railroad Commission, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the courts; and

WHEREAS, the GCCC has been an active intervener in all of the major electric and gas ratemaking proceedings involving CenterPoint Electric, Texas-New Mexico Power Company, CenterPoint Gas, and Texas Gas Service Co. during the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, GCCC was created in response to concerns about the price of gas and electricity paid by its member cities as well the citizens living within the boundaries of its members and to ensure a separate representation in order to ensure that their interests were not being overlooked; and

WHEREAS, by joining together, the members of the GCCC have been able to present a strong voice to the Railroad Commission, Public Utility Commission, and courts; and

WHEREAS, GCCC's participation has served to reduce the prices that member cities and their residents pay for gas and electricity; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the GCCC, its members are taking an active role in promoting economic development through reasonable gas and electric rates; and

WHEREAS, participation in GCCC demonstrates the concern of its members about the reliability, quality of service and prices its citizens pay for gas and power; and

WHEREAS, there is no direct cost impact to the City associated with joining the GCCC and the City is free to withdraw from the GCCC at its discretion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTON LAKES, TEXAS:

Section 1. The City authorizes membership and participation in the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities and cooperation with the members of the Coalition on electric and gas utility matters.

Section 2. Subject to City retaining the right to withdraw from any proceeding, the City authorizes the GCCC to intervene and participate on its behalf in reimbursable electric and gas utility ratemaking proceedings according to the Public Utility Regulatory Act and the Gas Utility Regulatory Act.

Section 3. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law and the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

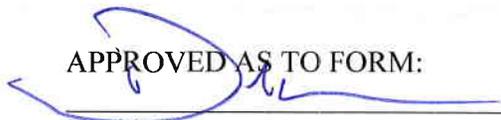
Section 4. That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Thomas Brocato, General Counsel to the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities, at Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., 816 Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of August, 2012.


Mary Rose Zduckewicz – Mayor
City of Weston Lakes

ATTEST:

Marlee Freeman - City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Olson - City Attorney