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| 2 3 4 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CORPORATION COUNSEL TO INTERVENE IN THE MADISON GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RATE CHANGE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PSC |
| 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 | Madison Gas & Electric Company ("MGE") has submitted an application with the Public Service Commission ("PSC") (docket number 3270-UR-120) to change the electric and natural gas rates in the City of Madison and the surrounding areas of Dane County. In its application, MG&E proposes to restructure electric rates in such a way that would result in higher fixed charges each month, but lower the per-kilowatt rate. The lower per-kilowatt rate would undermine the economic rationale for efficiency measures. |
| 12 13 14 15 16 17 | Dane County owns or leases various facilities in order to ensure the provision of numerous critical services to approximately 500,000 of its citizens. As such, Dane County purchases both electricity and natural gas from MG&E to power these facilities. MG&E's proposal to change the electric rates would have a significant impact on Dane County's operating budget. Furthermore, if MG&E's rate design is approved, Dane County's ongoing efforts in implementing energy-saving measures may be jeopardized. |
| 18 19 20 21 | The deadline for parties to intervene as a matter of right was June 13, 2014. In order to preserve Dane County's right to participate, the Office of the Corporation Counsel has filed a request to intervene that is contingent upon the County Board authorizing such action. |
| 22 23 24 | NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED , that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Corporation Counsel to intervene in the MG&E rate case and to litigate the matter in order to advocate for Dane County's interests. |
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