

RESOLUTION ~~99-09~~

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS FOR THE PROPOSED "ELECTRIC CONSUMER CHOICE ACT OF 1999" SENATE BILL 585, AND OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 661 AND HOUSE BILL 2139, A COMPETING PROPOSAL OF THE RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, SB 585 sponsored by Senators Kennedy and Hoofman, the "Electric Consumer Choice Act of 1999" contains terms and provisions protecting municipally owned electric utilities systems; and

WHEREAS, SB 585 the proposed "Electric Consumer Choice Act of 1999" comprehensively deals with many issues associated with electric utility industry restructuring; and

WHEREAS, SB 585 the "Electric Consumer Choice Act of 1999" is supported by diverse utility and consumer groups in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, SB 661 and HB 2139, a competing version of electric utility restructuring legislation prepared by rural electric cooperatives delays implementation of customer choice, disenfranchises citizens of cities owning electric systems, imposes unneeded and unwanted regulatory burdens on municipal electric systems, hampers the growth of cities in Arkansas, focuses on issues irrelevant to the restructuring of the electric utility industry, is patently unlawful by retroactively locking in electric serviced areas;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council ~~of the City Council~~ of the City of Conway, Arkansas:

SECTION 1: This Resolution shall be the formal advice and recommendation of the Arkansas General Assembly for passage of SB 585 the "Electric Consumer Choice Act of 1999", and opposition to SB 661 and HB 2139 by the City Council of Conway, Arkansas.

SECTION 2: The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to provide copies of this Legislation to appropriate members of the General Assembly, and to actively vie for the passage of SB 585 on behalf of the City of Conway, Arkansas.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DATE:

March 10, 1999

ATTEST:

Michael O. Garrott
City Clerk

APPROVED:

Pat Scussell
Mayor