

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-145

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3 SPONSORS Ms. Darrow, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Ford, Ms. McKenney, Council as a Whole

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5 DATE April 29, 2024 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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7 **A Resolution opposing Dominion Energy Ohio's proposed 30 percent rate increase and**
8 **requesting that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny Dominion Energy Ohio's**
9 **request for the increase, for the Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, several County of Summit residents currently receive natural gas service
12 through Dominion Energy Ohio; and

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14 WHEREAS, Dominion Energy Ohio has filed with the Public Utilities Commission of
15 Ohio, in Case No. 23-0894-GA-AIR, a request for a 30 percent increase for natural gas
16 distribution services it provides to consumers; and

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18 WHEREAS, Dominion Energy Ohio has proposed a distribution rate increase for
19 consumers which would increase consumers monthly fixed Basic Service Charge for natural gas
20 distribution service from \$43.27 to \$56.31; and

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22 WHEREAS, Dominion Energy Ohio has proposed to increase other fixed monthly
23 distribution charges to consumers by more than \$8.78 per month starting in 2025, increasing as
24 much as \$29.69 per month by 2032; and

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26 WHEREAS, large rate increases in natural gas distribution service may negatively impact
27 the County of Summit's efforts to attract new business and jobs, depress the housing market, and
28 place an undue financial burden on residents.

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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit,
31 State of Ohio, that:

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33 SECTION 1

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35 This Council opposes Dominion Energy Ohio's proposal to increase the monthly fixed
36 Basic Service Charge for natural gas distribution service to consumers by 30 percent and request
37 that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny such a rate increase to consumers.

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41 This Council opposes Dominion Energy Ohio's proposal to increase other fixed monthly
42 distribution chargers to consumers to more than \$8.78 per month starting in 2025 and request
43 that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny such a rate increase to consumers.

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45 SECTION 3

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47 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this
48 resolution to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Attn: Docketing Division (Case No. 23-
49 0894-GA-AIR), 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

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4 SECTION 4

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further purpose to immediately
8 oppose Dominion Energy Ohio's proposed 30 percent rate increase and requesting that the
9 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny Dominion Energy Ohio's request for the increase.

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14 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
15 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
16 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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18 SECTION 6

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20 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
21 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
22 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
23 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
24 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Codes.

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27 INTRODUCED April 29, 2024

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL