

BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE IN THE PROPOSED NEW RATE STRUCTURE FOR INDEPENDENCE POWER AND LIGHT.

WHEREAS, 15% of electric customers are served by public power utilities, including municipally-owned electric utilities like Independence Power & Light, and,

WHEREAS, the Independence Power and Light Department was created to better serve the citizens who own it and who direct its operations through their elected representatives; and,

WHEREAS, the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan for the City of Independence confirms the City Council's commitment to providing quality services while also ensuring appropriate customer rates; and,

WHEREAS, with regard to quality services, Independence Power and Light has achieved an award-winning level of system reliability, and has frequently demonstrated that it can outperform most other utilities in this regard; and,

WHEREAS, to further the goal of establishing competitive rates, the City Council recently authorized a 2% across-the-board rate reduction, and authorized a comprehensive Cost of Service Study as called for in the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City Council to follow the Cost of Service Study with the adoption of a new rate structure, which will be more equitable, more competitive, and less complex; and,

WHEREAS, considerations of equity and compassion in the operation of municipally-owned utilities have appropriately resulted in the creation of various programs to assist low income residents; and,

WHEREAS, it appears to the City Council that it would be beneficial to include in the rate structure itself additional provisions for low income assistance, and in this way advance the spirit of community inherent in the title of the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan: "Independence For All".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager of the City of Independence, Missouri, is hereby directed to ensure that the new rate structure brought forth for City Council consideration include provisions for low income assistance which are in addition to current utility assistance programs.

PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2019, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager