

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 04

**A Resolution in Opposition to the Proposed Rate Hikes  
by The Northern Indiana Public Service Company**

WHEREAS, Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("NIPSCO") has requested an 11.5% electric rate increase before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, which includes but is not limited to increases or alterations to residential, small business and municipal electric rates; and

WHEREAS, NIPSCO is proposing to raise the fixed customer charge for residential customers, from \$11 to \$20, which puts vulnerable populations at greater risk; and

WHEREAS, NIPSCO electric bills have already increased substantially over the last ten years; and

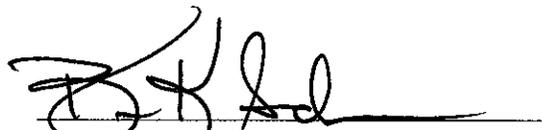
WHEREAS, NIPSCO seeks to increase rates of its various customers to maintain profits within NIPSCO's service area; and

WHEREAS, the council recognizes and opposes NIPSCO's efforts to increase electrical rates, to residential, small business and municipal customers as these increases do not encourage economic growth or sustainability, nor does it provide revitalization to the community. Furthermore, the proposed increase to the fixed customer charge causes harm to all customers, especially vulnerable populations, which is a detriment to the quality of life in the City of Hobart;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana firmly opposes the Northern Indiana Public Service Company's request to increase electric rates by 11.5 % and to increase customer charges from \$11 to \$20. This proposal does not provide recognizable benefit to economic growth, sustainability or the common benefit of the City of Hobart and its residents. Proposed increases to electric rates stagnate economic growth, and increases to customer charges stifle the sustainability and quality of life in our community.

ALL OF WHICH is ADOPTED as the resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2016.

  
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST: Deborah A. Longer  
DEBORAH A. LONGER, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2016 at the hour of 4:45 p.m.

Deborah A. Longer  
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED, EXECUTED and RETURNED by me to the Common Council of the City of Hobart on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2016.

Brian K. Snedecor  
Brian K. Snedecor, Mayor

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