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November 29, 2017

Public Service Commission of WV
P.O. Box 812
Charleston, WV 25323

Case # 17-0296-E-PC

Find enclosed a Resolution that was passed at last night's regular Lewisburg City Council meeting opposing the purchase by Mon Power of the Pleasants power plant until further investigation is performed for reasons stated in the Resolution.

Sincerely

John Manchester
Mayor

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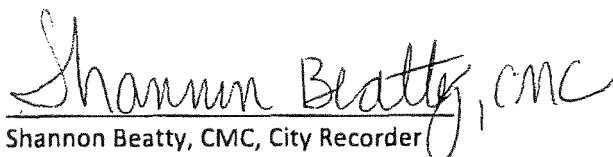
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Resolution 452

- Whereas, in 2013 FirstEnergy Corp. subsidiary Monongahela Power Company received approval from the West Virginia Public Service Commission to purchase the Harrison power plant from FirstEnergy's deregulated subsidiary Allegheny Energy Supply (AE Supply); and
- Whereas, at the time, Mon Power claimed that this transaction would facilitate "Mon Power's provision of reliable, low-cost electricity for years to come";
- Whereas, a September 2016 report released by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis found that Mon Power and Potomac Edison ratepayers had so far lost more than \$160 million as a result of the Harrison purchase; and
- Whereas, FirstEnergy's CEO stated in April 2016 his company's intention to pursue a similar transaction: the transfer of the 1300 MW Pleasants power plant from AE Supply to Mon Power; and
- Whereas, the Public Service Commission in October 2016 dismissed a petition that sought to require Mon Power to issue a request for proposal for additional power plant capacity, finding that such petition was premature because Mon Power does not face a capacity shortfall through 2020; and
- Whereas, in March 2017, Mon Power filed an application with the Public Service Commission (Case No. 17-0296-E-PC) for approval to purchase the Pleasants power plant, citing a 1,005 MW capacity shortfall in 2020.

Whereas, Mon Power residential electric rates have increased 30% since 2009, an increasing burden on Lewisburg residents,

Therefore, be it resolved, the City of Lewisburg urges the Public Service Commission not to approve any purchase by Mon Power of the Pleasants power plant without a thorough investigation of Mon Power's actual capacity needs, the cost of other resource options, and the financial risks of purchasing another large, aging power plant.


Shannon Beatty, CMC, City Recorder

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