

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING “ELECTRIC COST OF SERVICE AND RATE DESIGN CONSULTANT” TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE UNDER ARKANSAS LAW; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-801, et seq., provides the method cities use to procure professional services, such as legal, financial advisory, architectural, engineering, construction management, land surveying and such other professional services as are defined by two-thirds (2/3) vote of city council; and

WHEREAS, the law for the procurement of professional services requires that selection is based upon analysis of professional qualifications rather than bidding; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock (“City”) is considering the employment of professional consultant to analyze the cost of electric service and to assist in the design and development of electric rates; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that the most advantageous method to employ an individual and/or firm to provide electric cost of service and rate design consultant services is through the RFQ process provided by State law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That Electric Cost of Service and Rate Design Consultant is hereby defined to be a professional service under Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-801, et seq. Electric cost of service and rate design consultants may be used as necessary to assist the NLR Electric Department in electric cost of service and rate design and development. This professional service shall include:

- Electric cost of service analysis and rate design and development
- Analysis, review, and development of indirect cost allocations
- Analysis, review, and development of fee and ancillary service charges
- Cost reduction strategies and benchmarking analysis for NLR Electric Department
- Evaluating and developing policies and procedures
- Econometric forecasts of sales and load growth
- Utility valuation services

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that electricity rate management is an important interest to the City, that the passage of this Ordinance is important to ensure that the City can assess reasonable power rates to customers; and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

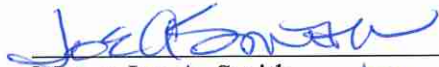
PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:



Mayor Joe A. Smith *by AF*

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/cf

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