

RESOLUTION NO. R85-7 CMS

A RESOLUTION DECREERING THE NEED FOR
JOINT ACTION LEGISLATION IN OHIO

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin is one of Ohio's 83 municipally-owned power systems which are a vital link in the state's energy supply system, providing power to the homes or workplaces of more than a million Ohioans; and,

WHEREAS, over the years, municipally-owned power systems have worked hard individually to achieve maximum efficiency and lowest rates for their customers, rates that are generally 15 to 30 percent lower than those of investor-owned utilities; and,

WHEREAS, the future success of municipally-owned power systems depends on access to long-term, affordable power supplies; and,

WHEREAS, joint action legislation (Senate Bill 140 and House Bill 225) introduced in the Ohio General Assembly will help communities with municipally-owned power systems guarantee their future power supplies; and,

WHEREAS, joint action legislation will enable communities to jointly finance necessary generation and transmission at economical municipal bond rates; and,

WHEREAS, joint action legislation will bring Ohio into step with 30 other states who already have municipal electric authorities in place and who are able to court business prospects with economically attractive packages; and,

WHEREAS, joint action will help keep the utility rates of all Ohioans down through lower overall operating costs. The legislation will enable communities to enter purchasing agreements with Ohio's investor-owned utilities to buy or lease unused generating equipment at a cost savings to both the municipalities and the investor-owned utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, hereby urges members of the Ohio General Assembly to enact joint action legislation without delay.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to House Representative Marie Tansey, 72nd District, and to Senator Alan Zaleski, 13th District.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this ordinance were

adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1st Reading - April 15, 1985
2nd Reading - May 6, 1985 (Amended) (Emergency)
3rd Reading -

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council



Chairman of Council

POSTED: May 7, 1985