



# CITY OF PLANO COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

<b>CITY SECRETARY'S USE ONLY</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory				
Council Meeting Date:		May 27, 2014		
Department:		Office of Policy and Government Relations		
Department Head		Mark Israelson, Director of the Office of Policy and Government Relations		
Agenda Coordinator (include phone #): <b>Nancy Rodriguez X7510</b>				
<b>CAPTION</b>				
A Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor; authorizing the payment of 11 cents per capita to the Steering Committee to fund regulatory and legal proceedings and activities related to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC.; and providing an effective date..				
<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATING EXPENSE <input type="checkbox"/> REVENUE <input type="checkbox"/> CIP				
FISCAL YEAR:	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>Prior Year (CIP Only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>
		<b>TOTALS</b>		
Budget		0	29,927	0
Encumbered/Expended Amount		0	0	0
This Item		0	-29,927	0
BALANCE		0	0	0
<b>FUND(S):    GENERAL FUND</b>				
<b>COMMENTS:</b> Funding for this item is included in the 2013-14 Non-Departmental Budget.				
<b>STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:</b> Participation in Utility Steering Committees and Coalitions relates to the City's Goal of Financially Strong City with Service Excellence.				
<b>SUMMARY OF ITEM</b>				
This Resolution approves the annual membership payment for the Steering Committee of Cities Serviced by Oncor.				
List of Supporting Documents: Agenda Item, Memo, Resolution			Other Departments, Boards, Commissions or Agencies	



# Memorandum

**Date:** May 27, 2014  
**To:** City Council  
**Thru:** Bruce D. Glasscock, City Manager  
**From:** Mark Israelson, Director of Office of Policy and Government Relations  
**Subject:** 2014 Oncor Cities Steering Committee Membership

## **Purpose of the Resolution**

The City of Plano is a member of a 150-member city coalition known as the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor. The resolution approves the assessment of an eleven cent (\$0.11) per capita fee to fund the activities of the Steering Committee.

## **Why this Resolution is Necessary**

The Steering Committee undertakes activities on behalf of municipalities for which it needs funding support from its members.

The Steering Committee is actively involved in rate cases, appeals, rulemakings, and legislative efforts impacting the rates charged by Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC within the City. Steering Committee representation is also strong at ERCOT. Municipalities have original jurisdiction over the electric transmission and distribution rates and services within the city.

## **Explanation of “Be It Resolved” Paragraphs**

I. The City is currently a member of the Steering Committee; this paragraph authorizes the continuation of the City’s membership.

II. This paragraph authorizes payment of the City’s assessment to the Steering Committee in the amount of eleven cents (\$0.11) per capita, based on the population figure for the City as shown in the latest TML Directory of City Officials.

III. This paragraph requires notification to the Chair of the Steering Committee, Jay Doegey, that the City has adopted the Resolution.

## **Payment of Assessment**

A copy of the resolution should be mailed with payment of the fee to Jay Doegey, Chair, Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor, c/o City Attorney’s Office, Mail Stop 63-0300, P.O. Box 90231, Arlington, Texas 76004-3231. Checks should be made payable to: *Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor.*

**A Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor; authorizing the payment of 11 cents per capita to the Steering Committee to fund regulatory and legal proceedings and activities related to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC.; and providing an effective date.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Plano is a regulatory authority under the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) and has exclusive original jurisdiction over the rates and services of Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC (Oncor) within the municipal boundaries of the city; and

**WHEREAS**, the Steering Committee has historically intervened in Oncor (formerly known as TXU) rate proceedings and electric utility related rulemakings to protect the interests of municipalities and electric customers residing within municipal boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Steering Committee is participating in Public Utility Commission dockets and projects, as well as court proceedings, and legislative activity, affecting transmission and distribution utility rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is a member of the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Steering Committee functions under the direction of an Executive Committee (whose current members are identified in Attachment 1) which sets an annual budget and directs interventions before state and federal agencies, courts and legislatures, subject to the right of any member to request and cause its party status to be withdrawn from such activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee in its December 2013 meeting set a budget for 2014 that compels an assessment of eleven cents (\$0.11) per capita; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the Steering Committee to continue its participation in these activities which affects the provision of electric utility service and the rates to be charged, it must assess its members for such costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section I.** That the City is authorized to continue its membership with the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor to protect the interests of the City of Plano and protect the interests of the customers of Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC residing and conducting business within the City limits.

**Section II.** The City is further authorized to pay its assessment to the Steering Committee of eleven cents (\$0.11) per capita based on the population figures for the City shown in the latest TML Directory of City Officials.

**Section III.** A copy of this Resolution and the assessment payment check made payable to "*Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor*" shall be sent to Jay Doegey, Chair, Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor, c/o City Attorney's Office, Mail Stop 63-0300, P.O. Box 90231, Arlington, Texas 76004-3231.

**Section IV.** This resolution shall become effective immediately.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Paige Mims, CITY ATTORNEY

**Attachment 1**  
**OCSC 2014 Executive Committee Members**

Allen	Eric Ellwanger, Assistant to City Manager
Arlington	Jay Doegey, City Attorney
Burkburnett	Trish Holley, Director of Administration
Carrollton	Elizabeth Horn, Assistant City Attorney
Cleburne	Kim Galvin, Director of Finance
Colleyville	Cathy Cunningham, Attorney
Comanche	Bill Flannery, City Manager
Dallas	Nick Fehrenbach, Manager of Regulatory Affairs & Utility Franchising
Denison	Courtney Goodman-Morris, City Attorney
Flower Mound	Melanie Harden, Director of General Services
Fort Worth	Bridgette Garrett, Director of Budget & Management Services
Frisco	Ben Brezina, Assistant to City Manager
Grand Prairie	Don Postell, City Attorney
Haltom City	Joel Welch, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant City Manager
Irving	Carrie Morris, Assistant City Attorney
Lewisville	Phil Boyd, Consultant
Mansfield	Joe Smolinski, Director of Utility Operations
Mesquite	Cynthia Steiner, Assistant City Attorney
Odessa	James Zentner, Assistant City Manager
Plano	Mark Israelson, Director of Policy and Government Relations
Sherman	Brandon Shelby, City Attorney
The Colony	Gwen Mansfield, Assistant Finance Director
Tyler	Mark McDaniel, City Manager
Waco	Jennifer Richie, City Attorney
Watauga	Greg Vick, City Manager
Waxahachie	Doug Barnes, Director of Economic Development