

RESOLUTION NO. {{customfields.ResNumber}}

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION CONCERNING EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC PROPOSED GATE ELEVATIONS AT POWERSITE DAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE OZARK BEACH PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Empire District Electric (Liberty Utilities) filed an extension with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) for the Ozark Beach Project (Project No. P-2221);

WHEREAS, part of this extension included increasing the height of the Obermeyer gates at Powersite Dam;

WHEREAS, the City raised concerns with FERC requesting additional studies related to impacts of the increased Obermeyer gate height including: increased operating costs at the Compton Wastewater Treatment Plant, impacts to the City’s drinking water intake, impact to Branson Lakeside RV Park and induced tributary flooding;

WHEREAS, Empire District Electric and City staff conducted studies and modified the gate operations to eliminate the City’s concerns, including flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen desires to authorize staff to send correspondence to FERC stating that based on Empire District Electric's proposed modifications to the license application, that all concerns have been addressed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI, THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1: The Board of Aldermen hereby directs City staff to send correspondence to FERC based on the proposed modifications provided by Empire District Electric.

Section 2: This resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Larry D. Milton
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lisa K Westfall
City Clerk

/s/ Bridget M. Findley #72572 05/18/2022
Interim City Attorney