

ORDINANCE NO. 51

AN ORDINANCE DENYING THE APPLICATION OF HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES TO BE CHARGED IN THE CITY OF Beasley, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SURRENDER OF ORIGINAL JURISDICTION TO REGULATE UTILITY RATES TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS.

WHEREAS, on July 6, 1981 Houston Lighting & Power Company (HL&P) filed with the City of Beasley, Texas, an application for authority to change rates to be charged within the City in the amount of some \$248 million per year on a systemwide basis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having reviewed the Company's rate filing package and supporting testimony, is of the opinion that the rate application should be denied in all particulars; and

WHEREAS, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act, Article 1446c, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, gives the governing body of each municipality exclusive original jurisdiction over electric rates within its municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beasley no longer wishes to exercise original jurisdiction over electric rates; and

WHEREAS, Section 17(b) of Article 1446c, Texas Revised Civil Statutes, authorizes the City to surrender said original jurisdiction to the Public Utility Commission of Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF Beasley:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Beasley denies the application of Houston Lighting & Power Company for authority to change rates to be charged within the City.

Section 2. That this ordinance constitutes the final action of the City Council of the City of Beasley

in determining the rates for sale of electric power and energy by HL&P within the City in accordance with Section 43(f) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Section 3. That the City Council orders HL&P to continue in effect the rates set forth in rate schedules previously made effective for sale of electric power and energy within the City until such time as said rate schedules may be changed, modified, amended or withdrawn as provided by law.

Section 4. That the City Council of the City of Beasley hereby surrenders original jurisdiction to regulate electric utilities within the municipal limits of the City to the Public Utility Commission of Texas as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

Passed and approved at a meeting duly convened by the City Council of the City of Beasley, Texas, this the 21st day of July, 1981.

1st Edwin Randumano  
Mayor

ATTEST:

1st Clinton Council  
City Secretary

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