

RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 52**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF CUSTOMER CHOICE THROUGH OHIO ELECTRIC GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATION.**

WHEREAS, the City of Kent, Ohio has established an opt-out electricity aggregation program for eligible consumers within the City and has joined the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and participated in NOPEC's opt-out electricity governmental aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, governmental aggregation has been recognized by The Ohio Consumers' Counsel as the "jewel" of Ohio electric deregulation, and has helped the City's residents save money on their electric bills; and

WHEREAS, opt-out governmental electricity aggregation has been widely recognized, in Ohio and nationally, as being successful in bringing benefits to residential and small business customers, as shown in the quotations attached to this Resolution as Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, by the end of 2007, the NOPEC communities of Northeast Ohio will have saved collectively over \$67 million on their constituents' residential and small business electric bills since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") currently are considering the structure of Ohio's electric markets after the rate stabilization plans currently in effect expire at the end of 2008 and may propose changes that will directly affect electric consumers in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City strongly supports the preservation of customer choice for the benefit of the residents of the City through the continuation and improvement of Ohio opt-out electric governmental aggregation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Kent, Ohio strongly supports NOPEC's efforts to preserve customer choice through Ohio electric opt-out governmental aggregation.

SECTION 2. The Council of the City of Kent, Ohio urge the Ohio Legislature and the PUCO to institute policies to adopt the Guiding Principles for preserving, continuing and improving customer choice through Ohio governmental aggregation, and making necessary modifications so that Ohio governmental aggregation can be more successful, which are attached to this Resolution as Attachment 2.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution 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 of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 2/27/08 _____
DATE PRESIDENT PRO TEM

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2008-52 was duly enacted this 27 day of
February, 2008, by the Council of the City of Kent, Ohio.

ACTING CLERK OF COUNCIL