

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING A RATE INCREASE PROPOSED BY SIENERGY GAS, LLC; AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT WITH COALITION COUNSEL AND CONSULTANTS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING NOTICE OF THIS ORDINANCE TO SIENERGY GAS, LLC.

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

PART 1. Council Finds that:

(A) On May 4, 2026, SiEnergy Gas, LLC, (SiEnergy) filed with the City of Austin a Statement of Intent to change gas rates within the incorporated areas served by SiEnergy and a notice of its intent to consolidate its operations and assets with other members of SiEnergy Holding LLC, effective June 8, 2026.

(B) The City is authorized under Section 104.107 of the Texas Utilities Code to suspend the effective date of an increase in gas rates for 90 days in order to evaluate the effect of such a rate increase and to determine whether the rates are appropriate, fair, just, and reasonable to all classes of Austin ratepayers.

PART 2. In accordance with Section 104.107 of the Texas Utilities Code, Council suspends the effective date of the proposed increase for 90 days, so that the City may analyze information provided by SiEnergy and evaluate the proposed rate increase.

PART 3. Council directs the city manager to: work in coalition with the other affected Texas municipalities to review and evaluate whether the proposed rates are appropriate, fair, just, and reasonable; engage rate counsel, namely Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., and experts and consultants to advise and assist the City and the municipal coalition in exercising regulatory authority over the rates of SiEnergy; and, if necessary, intervene in the Railroad Commission of Texas' consideration of SiEnergy's rate filing as it affects customers in the unincorporated areas.

PART 4. In accordance with Section 103.022 of the Texas Utilities Code, SiEnergy is directed to reimburse all municipal rate case expenses incurred by the City in relation to the filing.

PART 5. Notice of this ordinance shall be provided to SiEnergy.

