

VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, OHIO

RESOLUTION 35-26

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING AES OHIO'S REQUEST TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES
AND REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO DENY THE
UTILITY'S REQUEST**

WHEREAS, Village of Covington, Ohio and its residents currently receive electric distribution service from AES Ohio,

WHEREAS, AES Ohio has filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, in Case No. 25-0958-EL-AIR, et al, a request to increase the rates for electric distribution services provided to consumers, including the residents of VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, Ohio, and

WHEREAS, AES Ohio's proposal, if adopted, will increase monthly utility charges to VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, Ohio residents at a time when many residents are struggling with inflation and other recent utility bill increases for transmission and generation services, and

WHEREAS, VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, Ohio residents served by AES Ohio could be charged an additional \$13.79 per month for electric distribution service by 2029. This is in addition to AES Ohio's distribution rate increase in 2025 (Case No. 24-1009-EL-AIR) that raised monthly costs for the average AES Ohio consumer by approximately \$15 per month.

WHEREAS, frequent increases in electric Village of Covington rates negatively impact our efforts to attract new business and jobs, act to depress the housing market and place an undue burden on all residents, including the elderly, and those living on fixed incomes at a time when many Ohioans are experiencing an affordability crisis.

NOW THERERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY VILLAGE OF COVINGTON COUNCIL,
STATE OF OHIO, that the following Resolution be, and is hereby adopted:

Section 1: That this Council and the Administration do hereby oppose AES Ohio's proposal to increase rates for electric distribution service to VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, Ohio residents and request that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny such rate increases to consumers.

Section 2: That the Village Administrator of the VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, Ohio is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Attn: Docketing Division (Case No. 25-0958-EL-AIR, et al.), 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793 and that a copy of this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

Section 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this VILLAGE OF COVINGTON, Ohio 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

APPROVED: _____, 2026:

Lee Harmon, Mayor

Martin Leistner, President of Council

Lisa Cavender, Fiscal Officer