

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2020-0466

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Priestly Jackson

Date of Introduction: July 28, 2020

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: July 28, 2020

Type of Action: Encouraging Administration to settle litigation between the City (JEA) and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia; requesting emergency passage

Bill Summary: The resolution encourages the Administration to settle litigation between the City (JEA) and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia. Emergency passage of this legislation upon introduction is requested. The nature of the emergency is that there are upcoming litigation matters requiring immediate attention, and it is in the best interest of the City to have finality in this matter as soon as possible.

Background Information: The City and JEA brought a lawsuit against Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, which is currently pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. While the City is a party to the Plant Vogtle litigation, the relief requested by the City was nonmonetary relief. Section 112.303, Ordinance Code, confers authority to settle all nonmonetary claims brought by the City to the Mayor and his department heads. All of the parties to the Plant Vogtle litigation have reached a tentative settlement agreement to resolve all claims brought by the parties. The City Council supports JEA's approval of the settlement during its July 28, 2020 Board Meeting. It is in the best interest of the City to resolve its claim against Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia without resort to further litigation, costs and expenses.

Policy Impact Area: JEA; City litigation

Fiscal Impact: Continuation of litigation will result in the continued accrual of litigation costs to the City.

Analyst: Baltiero