

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT
MUNICIPAL POWER SYSTEMS
TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATION SERVICES
AS ALLOWED BY OTHER UTILITY SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina (Fayetteville PWC) provides electric, water and sanitary sewer service to a population of nearly 250,000 residents, and

WHEREAS, Fayetteville, North Carolina is home to Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, which are premier and essential military bases that support the well-being of the United States and the world, and

WHEREAS, Fayetteville PWC endeavors to provide high quality, reliable and cost effective utility services to all our customers, and

WHEREAS, the Communications Industry has advanced greatly in providing state-of-the-art communication technologies in this country, and

WHEREAS, these communication services are essential to a community's economic development and the quality of life of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, new ways to make these communication services available to the public have been developed and are being developed, and

WHEREAS, infrastructure is already in place to assist in providing these new communication services, and

WHEREAS, over 2000 municipal power systems exist in the United States that have this infrastructure in place, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the municipal power systems are in communities of 10,000 population or less and these new advanced communication services have not been made readily available at a reasonable cost, and

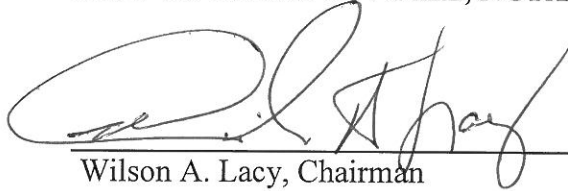
WHEREAS, providers of these new communication services are seeking to limit the availability of these services by lobbying to restrict municipal power systems from providing these services to its customers and the public, and

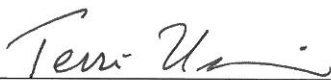
WHEREAS, the House and Senate Commerce Committees at the Federal level have stated they intend to rewrite the statute concerning the Telecommunications Act of 1996,


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Public Works Commission of the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina requests the members of Congress support legislation that would allow municipal power systems to provide communication services and stop any legislation that would block municipal power systems from providing communication services to their customers or the public.


ADOPTED this the 27th day of April, 2005.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**



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