## ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RATES AND ESTABLISHING TARIFFS FOR THE PROVISION OF NATURAL GAS SERVICE BY SIENERGY, LP, WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN AS AGREED BY UNANIMOUS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT; DECLARING THIS ORDINANCE TO BE A FINAL DETERMINATION OF RATES; REQUIRING ACCEPTANCE BY SIENERGY OF THE RATES PRESCRIBED HEREIN.

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

## **PART 1.** The Council finds:

- (A) On May 5, 2023, SiEnergy, LP, ("SiEnergy") filed with the City and other Texas municipalities its Statement of Intent to increase its annual revenue by \$9.69 million within its service areas.
- (B) In accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act ("GURA"), specifically Texas Utilities Code Sec. §104.107, the City suspended SiEnergy's proposed rate increase effective date.
- (C) SiEnergy provided public notice of its proposed increase in rates in accordance with GURA.
- (D) An annual revenue requirement of \$27.95 million is consistent with the requirements of GURA, will permit SiEnergy a reasonable opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its invested capital, and will yield a fair return upon the adjusted value of SiEnergy's property used and useful in rendering service.
- (E) The tariffs, rates and charges, and customer service rules appended to this ordinance are reasonable and in the public interest.
- (F) The costs of the City's rate consultants, attorneys, and technical staff to conduct investigations, present evidence, advise and represent the City in these rate-making proceedings as set out in the settlement agreement are reasonable and necessary expenses, as are the rate case expenses incurred by SiEnergy in this proceeding.
- **PART 2.** The City is the regulatory body with exclusive original jurisdiction over the rates, operations, and services of SiEnergy within the municipality.

| PART 5. Except to the extent approappended to this ordinance as "Attachmentes, tariffs, and charges as proposed in request filed with the City on May 5, 20 PART 6. The rates, tariffs, charges, ordinance as "Attachment 2" for natural are reasonable and are hereby approved PART 7. The proposed depreciation Depreciation and Amortization Expense "Attachment 3" are reasonable and here PART 8. The proportionate costs of | oved in this ordinance and the settlement agreement nent 1", the City denies SiEnergy's request for n SiEnergy's Statement of Intent and rate increase 023.  schedules, and service rules appended to this al gas service provided by SiEnergy within the City d.  n and amortization rates set forth on the se summary appended to this ordinance as eby approved by this ordinance. |
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| PART 10. This ordinance takes effect  | on  |
| PASSED AND APPROVED   |   |
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| , 2023  | §<br>8  |
|   | §<br>Kirk Watson  |
|   | Mayor   |
| APPROVED:   | ATTEST:   |
| Anne L. Morgan  | Myrna Rios  |
| City Attorney   | City Clerk  |