CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

INTRODUCED: 1/27/2020

REFERRED TO: Committee of the Whole

SPONSOR: Councillors Adamson, Barth, Boots, Brown, E. Evans, Mascari, Oliver, Potts, Jackson, J. Evans, McCormick and Carlino

DIGEST: encourages the Indianapolis Power & Light Co. to update its 2019 Integrated Resource Plan immediately, stop burning coal at its Petersburg Super Polluter Coal Plant by 2028, and replace any needed capacity with clean renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy storage

SOURCE:
Initiated by: Councillor Adamson
Drafted by: Councillor Adamson

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:
Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:
Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: ____________________________ Date: January 23, 2020

CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. _____, 2020

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION encouraging Indianapolis Power & Light Co. to update its 2019 Integrated Resource Plan immediately, stop burning coal at its Petersburg Super Polluter Coal Plant by 2028, and replace any needed capacity with clean renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy storage.

WHEREAS, a majority of members of the City-County Council communicated their desire to IPL CEO Vincent Parisi that Indianapolis Power & Light retire all four units at its Petersburg Super Polluter Coal Plant during IPL’s 2019 Integrated Resource Plan process; and

WHEREAS, Indianapolis Power & Light Co. has filed its 2019 Integrated Resource Plan, retiring only the two smaller units at its Petersburg Super Polluter Coal Plant; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Indianapolis City-County Council passed a resolution that initiated a process to reduce carbon emissions, increase energy efficiency and renewable energy use, and create a climate change-resilient City that will protect future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Thrive Plan was finalized last year, and includes a goal for the City of Indianapolis to be powered by 100 percent renewable energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis sent a letter to IPL on December 6, 2019, asking the utility to use more renewable energy. “The city requests that IPL accelerate its overall renewable energy deployment goals to be better aligned with those of the city,” the mayor wrote; and

WHEREAS, increased cost-effective investments in solar, wind and energy efficiency can create good jobs and economic opportunities for Indiana manufacturers, Indiana rural communities and Indianapolis urban neighborhoods, while reducing electricity bills; and

WHEREAS, IPL currently gets nearly 60 percent of its generation from the Petersburg Super Polluter Coal Plant, 36 percent from gas, and only 5 percent from renewable energy, making Indianapolis’ utility 95 percent dependent on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, after retiring two coal units (630 MW) IPL currently plans to continue to burn coal at two units of the Petersburg Super Polluter Coal Plant (1076 MW) until 2042; and
WHEREAS, the climate crisis demands that we act to reduce dependence on coal and fossil fuels as soon as possible, and the most recent United Nations climate report stated that the world needs to cut carbon pollution 45% by 2030; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The City-County Council asks Indianapolis Power & Light to immediately update its 2019 Integrated Resource Plan, announce a total retirement of the Petersburg Super Polluter Coal Plant by no later than 2028, and plan to replace any needed power with affordable wind, solar, efficiency, demand response and battery innovation.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is invited to join in this resolution by affixing his signature hereto.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of ____________, 2020, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

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President, City-County Council

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SaRita Hughes
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of ____________, 2020.

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SaRita Hughes
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of ____________, 2020.

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Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor