Resolution No. 2012-12

COUNTY OF UNION,
ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING REFERENDUM TO THE VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE COUNTY OF UNION SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ARRANGE FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR ITS RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE NOT OPTED OUT OF SUCH PROGRAM

WHEREAS, pursuant to 20 ILCS 3855/1-92, a county board of a county may adopt an ordinance under which it may aggregate residential and small commercial retail electrical loads located within the unincorporated areas of the county and, for that purpose, may solicit bids and enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity and related services and equipment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 20 ILCS 3855/1-92, if a county board seeks to operate such an aggregation program as an opt-out program for residential and small commercial retail customers, then prior to the adoption of an ordinance with respect to aggregation of residential and small commercial retail electric loads, a county board of a county shall submit a referendum to its residents to determine whether or not the aggregation program shall operate as an opt-out program for residential and small commercial retail customers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 20 ILCS 3855/1-92, such referendum shall be submitted to the "electors of . . . the county board at a regular election"; and

WHEREAS, numerous municipalities and counties throughout the State of Illinois have implemented aggregation programs and have experienced significant electricity rate reduction after executing new power supply contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois finds that the creation of such an aggregation program would give the County of Union the authority to enter into an electric supply power contract on behalf of residents and small businesses located in the unincorporated portions of Union County that have not opted out of such program and could secure a lower rate for electric services and reduced electric bills for residents and small businesses located in the unincorporated portions of Union County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that the voters of Union County should have the opportunity to determine whether the County of Union shall have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 20 ILCS 3855/1-92, in order to submit such a referendum to the electors of the county board, the Board of Commissioners must certify the question to the proper

election authority, which shall submit the question at an election in accordance with the general election law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois as follows:

1. A referendum to determine whether the County of Union shall have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program shall be submitted to the electors of the county board at the November 6, 2012 General Election.

2. The referendum question to be submitted to the electors of the county board at the November 6, 2012 General Election shall read as follows:

   Shall the County of Union have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

   Yes ◯
   No ◯

3. The referendum question shall be certified to the Union County Clerk and the Union County Clerk shall submit the referendum question to the electors of the county board at the November 6, 2012 General Election in accordance with the general election law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois this 3rd day of August, 2012.

		Aye	Nay	Abstain
Randy Lambdin, Chairman:	voting	✓		
Don Denny, County Commissioner:	voting	✓		
Dale Russell, County Commissioner:	voting	✓		

ATTEST:

Bobby Toler Jr.

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Union County Clerk