

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-426

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VINELAND RE-AUTHORIZING “DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES” FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITY BUSINESS WITHIN NJDEP AND EPA EMISSION TRADING PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) have, over many years, developed and maintained various regulations which establish nitrogen oxide (NOx), sulfur dioxide (SO), and carbon dioxide (CO2) emission cap and trading systems (e.g. NOx Budget, Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)/ CO2 Budget Trading Program, Acid Rain Program (ARP), and Cross-State-Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR)) as part of pollution control efforts within the United States, and will continue to administer some of these programs into the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland, Municipal Electric Utility has been, and continues to be, required to participate in some of these programs by monitoring emissions of NOx, SO2, and CO2 from its generating units, reporting these emissions within a tracking system administered by the EPA, and acquiring and surrendering emission allowances equivalent to these emissions each year; and

WHEREAS, to conduct these activities, which include the regular and periodic filing of notices, plans and reports with the EPA and DEP, one or two persons must be certified as authorized “Designated Representatives” within the EPA tracking system to serve as a primary points of contact for all communications between the Electric Utility and both EPA and DEP with regard to these trading programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland as follows:

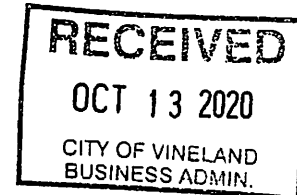
1. THAT Lisa Fleming, Supervising Environmental Specialist with the Electric Utility, Diane Amico, Senior Environmental Specialist with the Electric Utility, and Jeffrey Davis, Supervising Engineer with the Electric Utility may be named, as deemed necessary by the Director of the Electric utility, as Designated Representative or Alternate Designated Representative, and may be officially registered as such with the EPA and NJDEP, for the purposes of the aforementioned emission trading programs, and
2. THAT each of these individuals is authorized to transact routine Electric Utility business with regard to these trading programs, including the submission of monitoring plans and reports, and the transfer and/or distribution of emission allowances to or from the accounts within the EPA electronic tracking system that are assigned to the Electric Utility; provided, however,
3. THAT the sale, purchase, or trading of any emission allowances related to these programs shall be made only upon separate, prior approval by this Council.

Adopted:


President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 13, 2020
TO: Bob Dickenson, Business Administrator
FROM: Lisa Fleming, Supervising. Environmental Specialist 
RE: Designation of Authorized Account Representatives with DEP and EPA

In connection with the various NJDEP and EPA emission trading programs in which the Electric Utility is required to participate, one or two individuals must be named and certified as “Designated Representatives” within the EPA tracking system to serve as a primary points of contact for all communications between the Electric Utility and both EPA and DEP with regard to these trading programs and to file all required notices, plans and reports.

For some time, Diane Amico and I have been authorized by past Council resolution as these representatives. Because I plan to be retiring in the coming year, however, there is a need to transition to having a different representative set up, and we are planning to have Jeff Davis enter the mix as a possible authorized representative.

Attached is a proposed resolution that I believe should allow this transition to take place. Because only two representatives can be registered at a time, there may need to be a stepped process with different pairs of representatives named at a given time, but the idea is that any of the three of us could be named, as directed by John Lillie, during the transition.

If this approach is acceptable, we are requesting that a resolution be placed on the next Council meeting agenda (suggested wording):

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Attached is suggested wording for the entire resolution, which is based on those previously used for this purpose.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks.