

ORDINANCE NO. 011497

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 6801 TO
PROVIDE FOR A NINE MEMBER PUBLIC UTILITY
REGULATION BOARD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Ordinance No. 6801, previously amended in part by Ordinance No. 6912 and Ordinance No. 8799, was amended by Ordinance No. 11469 to provide that the Public Utility Regulation Board shall have nine members and is further amended hereby to read as follows:

1. The Public Utility Regulation Board created by Ordinance No. 6801 as amended above shall consist of nine members, appointed by City Council, all of whom shall be residents of the City of El Paso.
2. It is the intention of City Council that the Board as fully constituted shall have three members whose terms expire June 30, 1994; three members whose terms expire June 30, 1995; and three members whose terms expire June 30, 1996. Currently the Board consists of three members whose terms will expire June 30, 1995 and three members whose terms will expire June 30, 1996. One position created by Ordinance 6912 is vacant. Pursuant to this ordinance, City Council shall fill the vacancy and the two new positions created by Ordinance 11469 so that three new appointees shall have terms that expire June 30, 1994.

3. Upon the expiration of any Board member's term, after the adoption of this Ordinance, the member's successor shall be appointed for a three-year term, commencing on the specified expiration date of the term of the preceding board member. Any other vacancy on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any member appointed to fill the unexpired term of a predecessor and any appointee whose initial term expires June 30, 1994 shall be eligible for reappointment to two full three-year terms.

City Council may appoint ex-officio members for three year terms who shall not vote or be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, but shall assist the Board in its various functions.

4. The Board shall select from its members a chairman and vice-chairman and shall adopt, subject to the approval of City Council, such rules and regulations for the governing of the Board as may be deemed proper and not inconsistent with ordinances and the Charter of the City of El Paso and the laws of the State of Texas.

5. The Board shall further adopt, subject to the approval of City Council, such standards and rules as are necessary to establish a comprehensive regulatory system which is adequate to the task of regulating public utilities within the City's jurisdiction to assure rates, operations, and services which are just and reasonable to the consumers of the City of El Paso and to the utilities.

6. The City will support the Board with existing staff and provide consultants and technical services as requested by the Board.

7. The Board shall perform the following duties:

a. Advise the Mayor and City Council on the selection of experts to be employed by the City in utility rate matters.

b. Investigate and conduct hearings for the purpose of making recommendations to the City Council on all matters relating to utility regulation.

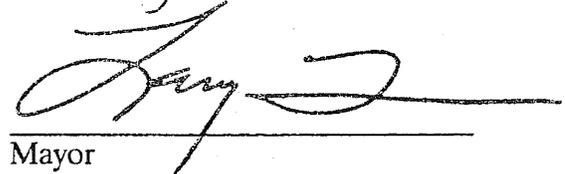
c. Advise the Mayor and City Council on any matters regarding public utilities.

d. Advise the City Council on means of insuring that the citizens of El Paso will have an adequate supply of energy at reasonable cost.

e. Advise the City Council regarding energy conservation goals which may be achieved through the exercise of the City's regulatory authority in utility matters.

f. Any other advisory duties specifically required of it by City Council in the field of utility regulation or energy conservation activities.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of August, 1993.



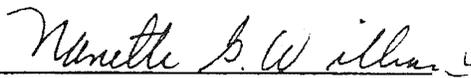
Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Nanette G. Williams,
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