

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Board Meeting**

June 16, 2022

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER  
INTO NATURAL GAS CONTRACT TO TAKE EFFECT AFTER EXPIRATION  
OF CURRENT CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, On March 19, 2020, the Board of Library Trustees ratified the natural gas agreement entered into by the Executive Director on February 28, 2020 with Constellation NewEnergy-Gas Division, LLC at the rate of \$2.77 per Mcf for a 24-month term from November 2020 through October 2022; and

WHEREAS, North Shore Energy Consulting, LLC notified the Library that the natural gas rates on the market have been extremely volatile due to the COVID-19 pandemic and embargoes on Russian natural gas exports. Gas rates are expected to climb significantly and to remain high for an extended period. Gas rates are estimated to be at \$8.15 per Mcf for a 12-month agreement, \$6.50 per Mcf for a 24 to 36-month agreement and \$5.70 per Mcf for agreements longer than 40 months; and

WHEREAS, North Shore Energy Consulting, LLC desires to run a competitive pricing analysis to evaluate the potential opportunities for the Library; and

WHEREAS, North Shore Energy Consulting, LLC recommends that the Library consider a natural gas agreement that provides a “blend and extend” option that would allow the Library, in the event natural gas rates drop, to switch to a lower rate during the term of the agreement in exchange for an extension of the length of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, The Library Administration is requesting authority to negotiate a new natural gas rate to commence at the expiration of the Library’s current natural gas contract in accordance with North Shore Energy’s notification; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees hereby authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designee to negotiate and enter into a new agreement commencing November 2022, through North Shore Energy Consulting, LLC, with natural gas suppliers that have the best

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fixed rates for periods of time up to and including 57 months and that include a “blend and extend” option, provided the rates do not exceed the rate of \$6.60 per Mcf, which agreement shall be subject to review and approval of the Director of Legal Affairs; be it further

RESOLVED, That the contracts entered into will be presented for ratification by the Board of Library Trustees at their next regularly scheduled meeting.