

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Finance Committee**

December 19, 2017

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

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Public Library currently has a contract with Dynegy Energy Services, LLC for the supply of electricity through August 2018 at the rate of \$5.540 per kWh. This rate was increased in June 2016, from \$5.270 per kWh, due to the regulatory change, known as Capacity Performance, because of the polar vortex of 2014; and

WHEREAS, The cost of electricity is at historic lows and is currently below \$4.900 kWh for 12 to 36 month contracts, which could potentially save the Library \$93,669 annually based on our 12-month historical usage of 14,635,837 kWh annually; and

WHEREAS, The Library Administration has been meeting with energy brokers and consultants who have been watching the market fluctuations and have recommended that the Library enter into an electric contract soon to be effective after the Library's current contract expires in order to lock in rates before they increase; and

WHEREAS, The Library Administration is therefore requesting advanced authority from this Board to enter into an electric contract prior to the termination of the current contract, since the rates change daily and the Library needs to have the flexibility to enter into a contract at a moment's notice, provided the rates do not exceed the rates the Library is currently paying under its existing electric contract; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees authorizes the Executive Director, CEO, or his designee, to enter into a contract for electricity either through a broker or directly, as the Library Administration deems appropriate, with suppliers that have the best fixed rates for periods of time up to and including 36 months, provided the rates do not exceed the rates currently being paid by the Library for electric, as described in this Resolution, and subject to the approval of the Chief Legal Officer; be it further

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