

Resolution 17-07

**RESOLUTION IN DEFENSE OF BOROUGH OPERATED
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SYSTEMS IN
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tarentum is one of the thirty-five boroughs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that owns and operates a non-profit community electric system in accordance with provisions set forth in the Pennsylvania Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, each of our municipalities works diligently and effectively to provide reliable and cost effective public power to all of the residents and businesses within their borders; and

WHEREAS, from time to time legislation is introduced in the Pennsylvania General Assembly proposing to add additional regulations, rules, or taxes focused only on these thirty-five Boroughs; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives has circulated a co-sponsorship memorandum, indicating his intention to introduce legislation in the near future, which would amend the Borough Code by unnecessarily regulating and controlling the thirty-five Boroughs that own and operate non-profit community electric systems.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Tarentum expresses its opposition to this recently proposed legislation on the basis that it unduly imposes on our community a severe financial burden, endless litigation, and is an overreach by the Pennsylvania General Assembly to usurp the fiduciary role of our Borough Council to manage the finances of our municipality.

AND FURTHER, a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to our State Representative and State Senator to encourage them to vigorously oppose this legislation on our behalf.

Approved by Council of the Borough of Tarentum this 2nd day of May 2017

ATTEST



Michael Gutonski, Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM



Eric Carter, President of Council

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Carl Magnetta Jr., Mayor