

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(14)

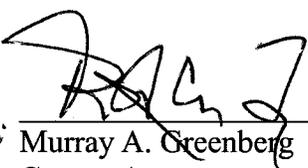
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 28, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging natural
gas and propane gas utilities to
extend service throughout
Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto.

for: 
Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-28-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING NATURAL GAS UTILITIES AND/OR PROPANE GAS COMPANIES TO EXTEND SERVICE THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WHERE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE AND TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH A DEPENDABLE AND RELIABLE ENERGY ALTERNATIVE TO ELECTRICITY THAT IS ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE WHEN SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS INCAPACITATE ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2005, the County declared a State of Local Emergency for all of Miami-Dade County because of the threat posed by *Hurricane Wilma*; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2005, *Hurricane Wilma* impacted Miami-Dade County with severe weather conditions that left approximately 90% of residents and businesses without electrical power; and

WHEREAS, homeowners and businesses that have natural gas and propane gas service available can install the necessary equipment to have generators power such homes and business; and

WHEREAS, many homes and businesses in Miami-Dade County are unable to take advantage of the cost savings that generators running on natural gas or propane gas would provide in the event of an electrical power outage because natural gas and propane gas service is not available throughout all of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, supporting efforts by residents and businesses to obtain reliable and dependable back-up power assists disaster response and recovery and promotes the health, safety and welfare of Miami-Dade County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board urges natural gas utilities and/or propane gas companies to extend service throughout Miami-Dade County where economically feasible so as to provide residents with an dependable and reliable energy alternative to electricity that is especially effective when severe weather events incapacitate electrical power systems.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Manager to require the Public Works Department, DERM, and WASD to provide a courtesy notice to natural gas utilities and/or propane gas companies of any County projects such as major road construction projects that would provide an opportunity for natural gas utilities and/or propane gas companies (where applicable) to extend or install new lines as part of the County's project.

Section 3. This Board urges developers of new single family residential communities to work with natural gas utilities and/or propane gas companies to install or have installed natural gas or propane gas infrastructure in the development's rights-of-way or private property (where applicable) and the appropriate piping inside of the units, so as to provide residents the option of initiating gas service.

Section 4. The Board directs the Public Works Department to make available to residents of Miami-Dade County the use of Special Taxing Districts, pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, as a way to finance the installation of gas infrastructure where economically feasible as determined by the natural and propane gas utilities.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Senator Javier D. Souto and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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| | Joe A. Martinez, Chairman |
| | Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman |
| Bruno A. Barreiro | Jose "Pepe" Diaz |
| Audrey M. Edmonson | Carlos A. Gimenez |
| Sally A. Heyman | Barbara J. Jordan |
| <u>Dorin D. Rolle</u> | Natacha Seijas |
| Katy Sorenson | Rebeca Sosa |
| Sen. Javier D. Souto | |

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 28th day of November , 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Eric A. Rodriguez

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