

March 11, 2003

**TORONTO CITY COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**RE: Request Provincial Government to Abandon**  
**Electricity Deregulation and Privatization**

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WHEREAS the Ontario government's electricity deregulation and privatization policy has clearly been a disaster; and

WHEREAS the various electricity policies implemented by this provincial government over the past six years have imposed hundreds of millions of dollars of additional costs on local distribution companies and their customers; and

WHEREAS the government has now enacted Bill 210, The Electricity Pricing, Conservation and Supply Act, 2002 (the Act), which requires each municipality to decide whether to continue to operate its local distribution utility as a for-profit corporation (as required by previous legislation) or allow it to become a zero-return on equity corporation with various additional restrictions (the so-called "non-profit" status); and

WHEREAS the Act gives only an appearance of choice for citizens and their elected municipal representatives because it places onerous and punishing financial consequences on the local distribution company (LDC) and the municipal shareholder if it opts for the "non-profit" model; and

WHEREAS this false choice seems only to serve as an attempt to scapegoat municipalities and their local distribution companies (LDC) for the provincial government's disastrous electricity policies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto convey to the Government of Ontario that a vote on whether to maintain the local distribution company (LDC) as a for-profit or "non-profit" corporation is being taken under protest;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Toronto City Council call on the Government of Ontario to rescind Bill 210, to abandon plans for deregulation and privatization of Ontario's electricity in accord with the wishes of the people of Ontario, to develop and implement a renewed vision for public power in Ontario, and to:

- 1) Stop the sell-off of public generating stations and local hydro utilities;
- 2) Stop paying higher deregulated prices to electricity producers;
- 3) Implement genuine energy conservation policies and expand clean, renewable energy sources

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent for action to: Hon. Ernie Eves, Premier, and Hon. John Baird, Ontario Minister of Energy; and for information to: Dalton McGuinty, MPP; Howard Hampton, MPP; Shelly Martel, MPP; Michael Bryant, MPP; and for endorsement to: the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities with populations greater than 50,000.

Moved by: Councillor Michael Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Moscoe