ORDINANCE NO. ___________

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND IMPOSE THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF FEES AND CHARGES TO BE PAID TO THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, BY ENTERGY CORPORATION AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT THEREOF; TO AMEND SECTION 9 OF LITTLE ROCK, ARK., ORDINANCE NO. 11,683 (DECEMBER 6, 1965); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Entergy Corporation is duly authorized by a franchise agreement to, among other things, construct, operate, maintain and extend an electric system within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas (the "City"), and to sell, furnish, transmit and distribute electric power and energy to the City and citizens residing therein; and,

WHEREAS, Entergy is now providing electric service to the City and its inhabitants and occupying the streets, alleys, airways and other public rights-of-way within the City pursuant to said franchise agreement, and making certain payments to the City in lieu of all other taxes, fees, charges, impositions, and licenses, except general taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the City is legally authorized to impose and Entergy is obligated to pay a just and reasonable Franchise Fee in connection with its operations in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Section 9 of the Franchise Agreement, which is Little Rock, Ark., Ordinance No. 11,683 (December 6, 1965) as amended, is hereby amended to include the following:

For the year beginning January 1, 2022, and each year thereafter, Entergy shall pay in monthly installments, the sum of 5.2% of the Company's gross revenue collection as paid to it by industrial, commercial, and residential users located within the corporate limits of the City of Little Rock or the sum of Eight Million, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars ($8,800,000.00), whichever is greater. The Company’s auditor shall certify such gross revenues.

Section 2. Payments to the City by Entergy of the amounts as provided for in Section 1 hereof shall be made monthly on or before the 15th of each month.

Section 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances that conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, only to the extent that the same are in direct conflict herewith. Except as provided, nothing herein shall be construed to alter or change the terms or conditions of the present franchise under which Entergy is operating, as set forth in Ordinance No. 11,683, as amended.

Section 5. Effective Date. Because an ordinance of this nature remains in effect until abandoned, and in light of the language of the current Section 1 of this ordinance, it is noted that the Franchise Fees set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance shall be in full force and on January 1, 2022.

PASSED: December 7, 2021

ATTEST: ________________________________  APPROVED: ________________________________

Susan Langley, City Clerk  Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney