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Moved by: _____

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Seconded by: _____

Reviewed by: Megan Smith
County Commission Attorney

RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STATUS UPDATE FROM THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) AND MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS, AND WATER (MLGW) ON THE REMAINING STEPS AND TIME NECESSARY TO CONNECT xAI TO THE LOCAL UTILITY GRID, THUS ENDING ALL NEED FOR TEMPORARY GAS TURBINES AT THE FACILITY IN SOUTH MEMPHIS. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER ERIKA SUGARMON.

WHEREAS, South Memphis is frequently affected by commercial activity, which is a predominantly minority community, and has, historically, been subjected to environmental factors leading to higher rates of asthma, cancer, and other health disparities; and

WHEREAS, MLGW, as the utility provider and a critical stakeholder in local energy infrastructure, and is in control of most operational utility resources for companies in Shelby County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, TVA approved xAI's power agreement for use of 150 megawatts of electricity through MLGW in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, The Shelby County Board of Commissioners recognize the importance of ending the temporary use of natural gas turbines at the xAI facility and regularly receives requests for transparent public engagement, and makes this request to TVA and MLGW for an update in order to more fully engage in this important public discussion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That this Resolution requesting an update from TVA and the City of Memphis and MLGW addressing the remaining steps and time necessary to place xAI on the local utility grid, thus ending all need for natural gas turbines to power the facility in South Memphis, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Commissioners further request that the City of Memphis and MLGW provide an update by June 1, 2025 indicating xAI has been successfully added to the utility grid or an estimated date of completion of that connection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this joint Resolution shall become effective in accordance with Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06 (B).

Lee Harris
County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____