



# CITY OF UTQIAGVIK

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Introduced by:	Asisaun Toovak, Mayor
Date of Introduction:	February 29, 2024
Action:	
Vote:	

## RESOLUTION #07-2024

### A RESOLUTION OF THE UTQIAGVIK CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING THE POWER GRID AS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CITY OF UTQIAGVIK, ALASKA

**WHEREAS**, the power grid is an essential service that underpins the safety, prosperity, and well-being of the City of Utqiagvik and its inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, the uninterrupted operation of the power grid is crucial for the functioning of other critical services including emergency services, healthcare, transportation, and water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have identified the energy sector, including electricity infrastructure, as a critical infrastructure sector whose incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Utqiagvik acknowledges the increasing threats to critical infrastructure from natural disasters, climate change, cyber-attacks, and other forms of disruption; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative for the City of Utqiagvik to proactively pursue projects and funding opportunities aimed at safeguarding the power grid to ensure its resilience against such threats;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Utqiagvik that:

1. **The power grid serving the City of Utqiagvik is hereby designated as critical infrastructure.**
2. The City commits to prioritizing the protection and resilience of the power grid through strategic planning, investment in infrastructure improvements, and the pursuit of federal and state funding opportunities dedicated to critical infrastructure protection.



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3. The City shall collaborate with local, state, tribal and federal partners, as well as private sector stakeholders, such as but not limited to (a) Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BUECI) and the (b) North Slope Borough (NSB), to identify vulnerabilities, enhance security measures, and implement best practices for critical infrastructure protection as recommended by FEMA and DHS.
4. The City will work with BUECI and the NSB to develop and maintain an updated plan for power grid resilience, incorporating risk assessments, mitigation strategies, and recovery plans, so as to anticipate needs and secure funding before a critical power failure occurs.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE UTQIAGVIK CITY COUNCIL THIS 29th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024  
by a vote of \_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_ opposed.**

**IN WITNESS THERETO:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Asisaun Toovak, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Mary V. Patkotak, City Clerk