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Resolution seeks to spare Milwaukee We Energies ratepayers from huge Foxconn bill

Alderman Robert J. Bauman today introduced a Common Council resolution directing the City Attorney and the Department of Public Works to take all necessary actions to object to the city and city utility customers from assuming any part of the \$140 million electrical infrastructure improvements needed to serve the soon-to-be-built Foxconn plant near Racine.

To serve the Foxconn facility in Racine, the American Transmission Company (ATC) is proposing a \$140 million substation with high voltage power lines. Alderman Bauman has already called for the City of Milwaukee to explore what, if any, standing the city has as a major utility customer to object to the massive proposed utility project.

ATC has recently been quoted by a local media outlet as saying the project would be funded by Wisconsin ratepayers.

“If nothing is done to alter this project, Milwaukee residents who have no transit connections to Foxconn for future job prospects could be paying for the plant three times: once through their state taxes, a second time through their utility bill and a third time through their property taxes, water bills, and fees,” said Alderman Bauman, chair of the Public Works Committee.

Alderman Bauman’s resolution will be heard by the Public Works Committee on Wednesday, January 24 at 9 a.m. in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.