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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize Agreements with New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for the Payment of Recurring Obligation Amounts Ordered By New York State Public Service Commission

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize agreements with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") for the payment of recurring obligation amounts ordered by the New York State Public Service Commission ("PSC") in connection with Bulk Energy Storage, Compensation for Hydroelectric Baseline Generating Facilities, and the Purchase of Tier 4 Renewable Energy Certificates.

Since 2001, Monroe County has been authorized by the PSC to operate as a municipal Direct Customer of the New York State Independent System Operators, Inc., which allows the County to procure natural gas and electricity for itself and members of a municipal energy aggregation group that currently includes sixteen (16) towns and villages, two (2) school districts, two (2) fire districts, the Monroe County Water Authority and the Rochester Genesee Regional Transit Authority. The energy aggregation group currently has approximately 1,700 accounts, of which over 700 belong to the County.

The PSC issued three orders directing NYSERDA to implement New York State initiatives in connection with Bulk Energy Storage, Compensation for Hydroelectric Baseline Generating Facilities, and the Purchase of Tier 4 Renewable Energy Certificates, and NYSERDA issued three implementation plans in 2025. Each plan involves the imposition of a recurring obligation amount on Load Serving Entities ("LSEs"), which is defined as any entity that sells retail commodity electrical supply to an end-use customer in New York State.

The Bulk Energy Storage program seeks to expand bulk energy storage capabilities in New York State utilizing an incentive mechanism. The incentive mechanism will be funded by LSEs, and calculated in proportion to each LSE's share of statewide load.

The Compensation for Hydroelectric Baseline Generating Facilities initiative seeks to adopt a new compensation mechanism for hydroelectric renewable facilities, and the cost of the compensation mechanism will be funded by LSEs in proportion to each LSE's share of statewide load.

The Purchase of Tier 4 Renewable Energy Certificates involves a modification of PSC's Clean Energy Standard whereby LSEs are obligated to purchase qualifying Tier 4 Renewable Energy Certificates in proportion to each LSE's share of statewide load.

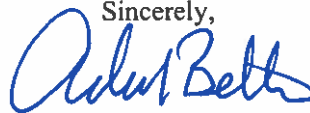
NYSERDA requires LSEs, such as Monroe County, to execute an agreement in connection with each of the initiatives above, whereby the LSE will be charged an obligation amount on a monthly basis, and will be liable for the difference between the LSE's aggregate monthly payments and an annual amount calculated at the conclusion of each compliance year.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute agreements, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for the payment of recurring obligation amounts ordered by the New York State Public Service Commission in connection with Bulk Energy Storage, Compensation for Hydroelectric Baseline Generating Facilities, and the Purchase of Tier 4 Renewable Energy Certificates.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment;") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for these agreements is included in the proposed 2026 operating budget of various County Departments, and will be requested in future years' budgets. The cost of these services is shared proportionately with the members of the energy aggregation group. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

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By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro. No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2025

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF RECURRING OBLIGATION AMOUNTS ORDERED BY NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute agreements, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority for the payment of recurring obligation amounts ordered by the New York State Public Service Commission in connection with Bulk Energy Storage, Compensation for Hydroelectric Baseline Generating Facilities, and the Purchase of Tier 4 Renewable Energy Certificates.

Section 2. Funding for these agreements is included in the proposed 2026 operating budget of various County Departments, and will be requested in future years' budgets. The cost of these services is shared proportionately with the members of the energy aggregation group. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 25-_____

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____