

Monroe County

Clerk of the Legislature

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM: David Grant, Clerk of the Legislature

DATE: November 12, 2025

RE: Matters of Urgency – File Nos. 25-0379 - 25-0381

Matters of Urgency:

- 25-0379** 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 – As a Matter of Urgency – County Executive Adam J. Bello
- 25-0380** Enact a Local Law, As Authorize by New York State, Opting Out of Establishing a Registration System for Short-Term Rental Units and Requiring Certain Information in Hotel Occupancy Tax Returns – As a Matter of Urgency – County Executive Adam J. Bello
- 25-0381** Confirmation of Appointment to the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency – As a Matter of Urgency – President Yversha Román

Per President Yversha Román, the attached communications have been declared to be Matters of Urgency pursuant to Section 545-24(A)(3) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature and will be considered at the November 12, 2025 regular meeting of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachments



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

November 12, 2025

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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: _____



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Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

November 12, 2025

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

Subject: Enact a Local Law, As Authorized by New York State, Opting Out of Establishing a Registration System for Short-Term Rental Units and Requiring Certain Information in Hotel Occupancy Tax Returns

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body enact a Local Law, as authorized by New York State, opting out of establishing a registration system for short-term rental units and requiring that certain information be provided on hotel occupancy tax returns.

In 2024, New York State enacted legislation related to short-term rental units in municipalities throughout the state. The legislation, codified as New York Real Property Law § 447-c requires that each county either establish a registration system for short-term rental units or, pursuant to New York Real Property Law § 447-c(1)(a), adopt a local law opting not to establish a registration system. Counties that opt out of establishing a registration system retain the future right to opt in to the registration paradigm. Counties that do not opt out of the registration system requirement are required imminently to establish a registration system and will be required to maintain such system in perpetuity. Establishing a registration system would impose a costly administrative burden on Monroe County and could hinder the ability of Monroe County to collect occupancy and sales taxes.

Monroe County has existing voluntary contribution agreements with short-term rental providers Airbnb, Inc. and VRBO (formerly Vacation Rentals By Owner, now a subsidiary of Expedia Group) to provide for the collection of these taxes, but those agreements may terminate if Monroe County does not opt out of establishing a registration system. The County is regularly engaged with these providers and expects to amend its agreements with them to add more robust protections for the County, including to ensure the County can appropriately receive and analyze important short-term rental data to address any public safety or housing-stock availability concerns that exist or may arise in the future. The proposed local law addresses these public safety and housing-stock availability concerns by require that book services provide the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Planning and Development with URLs for all home listings and a list or means of compiling a list, aggregated by ZIP code, containing the number of home listings offered on the booking service and the number of nights the properties were occupied.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Schedule and hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law.

2. Enact a Local Law, as authorized by New York Real Property Law § 447-c, opting out of the New York State requirement to establish a registration system for short-term rental units and requiring taxpayers to provide certain information on hotel room occupancy tax returns.

Enactment of this local law will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(26) (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new 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.

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

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro No. _____

LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2025

ENACT A LOCAL LAW OPTING NOT TO ESTABLISH A REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL UNITS AND REQUIRING TAXPAYERS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION ON HOTEL ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX RETURNS

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

Section 1. As authorized by section 447-c(1)(b) of the New York Real Property Law, Monroe County opts not to establish a registration system for short-term rental units, as such term is defined in section 447-a(2) of the New York Real Property Law.

Section 2. Section 357-14 of Chapter 357 of the Monroe County Code is amended to add new paragraphs D and E, which shall read as follows:

D. All persons filing a return shall submit as part of the return the property address(es) and gross receipts for all accommodations. Such information shall be confidential subject to Section 357-26 of this Chapter. Other information may be shared in accordance with proper judicial order, as permitted pursuant to Section 357-26 of this Chapter.

E. If the person filing returns is a booking service, as that term is defined in section 447-a(5) of the New York Real Property Law, the person shall also file at the same time as the filing for the previous year a list of URLs for entire home listings offered on the booking platform as short-term rental units in Monroe County and a list, aggregated by ZIP code, containing the number of entire home listings offered on the booking service operating as short-term rental units during the previous year and the number of nights such properties were occupied during the previous year to the Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Public Safety. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the person filing returns provides the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Planning and Development with a means of downloading the required list or viewing the required information, the booking service shall not file such information to the Department of Planning and Development and Department of Public Safety pursuant to this Section.

Section 3. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 4. This local law shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 25-____.LL

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LOCAL LAW: _____



Monroe County Legislature

YVERSHA M. ROMÁN

President

November 10, 2025

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
39 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14614

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RE: Confirmation of Appointment to the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency

Honorable Legislators:

I, Yversha Román, President of the Monroe County Legislature, in accordance with Sections 856 and 916 of the General Municipal Law, do hereby submit to Your Honorable Body for your consideration, the appointment to the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency of Mr. Miguel Velázquez of 53 Wren Field Lane, Pittsford, New York 14534, for a term that will commence immediately, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Legislature.

The specific legislative action required is to confirm the appointment of Mr. Miguel Velázquez of 53 Wren Field Lane, Pittsford, New York 14534, to the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency, in accordance with Sections 856 and 916 of the General Municipal Law, for a term that will begin immediately and will serve at the pleasure of the Legislature.

The legislative action requested in this referral is not an "Action" as that term is defined in 6 NYCRR § 617.2(b), and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This action will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

Sincerely,

Yversha Román
President of the Legislature

By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro. No.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2024

**CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY OF MONROE INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

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

Section 1. In accordance with Sections 856 and 916 of the General Municipal Law of New York State, the following appointment is confirmed:

County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency

- Miguel Velázquez of 53 Wren Field Lane, Pittsford, New York 14534, for a term to begin immediately, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

File No. 25-

ADOPTION: Date: _____

Vote: _____

Miguel A. Velázquez

53 Wren Field Lane
Pittsford, NY 14534
585.967.2123
mvelazquez@myrts.com

Highly motivated, task-oriented and talented professional. Proven track record of achieving results through creative initiatives, technical knowledge and leadership skills. Motivated to using best practices and business process methodologies resulting in improvements and efficiencies for an organization. Proven ability to drive successful implementations of corporate initiatives in different areas and functions.

QUALIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Team Leadership
- Project Management
- Strategic Planning
- Workflows and Process
- Facility and Capital Strategy
- Process Improvement Methodology
- Policy Development
- Incentive Development and Implementation
- Financial Planning

CAREER SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

Executive

- Chief Executive Officer of a one thousand employee organization responsible for drafting the strategic direction by formulating the mission, vision, strategic pillars and tactics to move the organization towards a common goal that provides excellence in customer service and financial sustainability.
- Member of executive teams responsible for the long-term growth, operational efficiencies and service improvements of the organizations.
- Responsible for the measurement and tracking of operational performance metrics.
- Tasked with delivering presentations and presenting business cases before the Board of Commissioners, community stakeholders and government officials.
- Responsible for the creation, staffing and oversight of multiple business units.
- Involved in key community-based organization's Boards and committees in order to advance community efforts and represent the interests of the organization.

RELEVANT WORK HISTORY

Rochester Genesee Regional Transit Authority (RGRTA) is a public benefit corporation which provides public transportation to over 11 million customers per year in the Counties of Monroe, Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, Wayne, Wyoming and Seneca.

2023-Present **Chief Executive Officer** | RGRTA, Rochester, NY

- Successfully managed a large, complex, and diverse organization that operates to provide service to its customers.
- Directed and coordinated Authority wide activities in the areas of operations, maintenance and personnel.
- Launched innovative transportation solutions.
- Navigated through service adjustments impacting customers and communities by delivering data based informed decisions with clarity.
- Developed and maintained effective relationships and facilitated open communication channels with all business related segments including: the general public, businesses, government officials, and community organizations.
- Interacted regularly with employees, customers, the public, elected officials and other stakeholders to educate and promote Authority related services.
- Supported a positive culture and strong public image promoting the agency and its services.
- Developed and maintained a working relationship and 2-way communication with Board members.

2014-2022 **Chief Operating Officer** | RGRTA, Rochester, NY

- Responsible for overseeing key areas of the organization: Information Technology, Service Planning, Scheduling, Fleet Maintenance, Fixed Route Service Delivery, Paratransit Services and regional operations.
- Review the performance of 8 vice-presidents, directors and managers, and oversee their professional development.
- Ultimately responsible for over 50 employees across 8 different subsidiary companies.
- Responsible for the strategic planning and budgeting of all aspects of operations and service delivery, which amounts to a budget of nearly \$70M dollars.
- Developed long term capital planning and investments in facilities, technologies and vehicles.
- Worked with community stakeholders to develop a long range service plan.
- Determined the appropriate performance metrics, goals and the necessary related analysis to ensure continuous improvement.
- Oversaw a 10-year technology roadmap that aligns with the organization's mission, vision and associated initiatives.
- Involved in collective bargaining contract negotiations and drive to agreements that are fiscally responsible.
- Ensured practices and initiatives that provide for a high level of employee engagement.
- Planned and implemented the overhaul of a 40 year old service profile, which will result in new customer service offerings.
- Oversaw paratransit service delivery and ensure that the needs of the community are addressed.
- Supervised the creation of policies and standard operating procedures that help in the efficient management of the organization's operations.
- Analyzed and determined the need for resources that will improve the effective delivery of services.

2010-2014 **Chief Information Officer** | RGRTA, Rochester, NY

Information Technology

- Developed and oversaw the growth of the technology department by over 70% in 7 years.
- Responsible for setting the vision and planning of the most ambitious technical project in the Authority's history: a 22 million dollar project for the implementation of a suite of technologies which will have a deep impact on customer service, operational efficiencies and the bottom line of the Organization. For example, launched WHERE'S MY BUS (WMB) which utilizes GPS and communication technology that allows customers to track their RTS bus via text message and/or email.
- Responsible for managing numerous technology implementation projects.
- Implemented process improvement methodologies to consistently lower technical support response time by 40%.
- Created programs to control IT asset management.
- Lead the creation of numerous requests for proposals leading to vendor selection and contract agreements.
- Negotiated various contracts for the purchase and implementation of systems.
- Develop and administer budgets for the investments in technology for the organization.
- Created partnerships with local higher educational institutions to design innovative solutions, while fomenting business relations.
- Responsible for directing the work of systems analysts, computer programmers, support specialists, network administrators and systems engineers.
- Constantly conducting strategic planning and drafting the path for the role of technology within the organization and setting the goals for the team.
- Key decision maker in the design of technologies for the future Downtown Transit Center.

Performance Measurements – Research and Development

- Responsible for the team conducting all measurements of the organization's performance, with the goal of conducting Lean Six Sigma methodologies to improve processes that result in better organizational performance, cost reductions and customer satisfaction.
- Implemented processes to conduct Management By Facts (MBFs) on areas of low performance and systematically improve those areas.
- Responsible for overseeing the analysis of data to find our root causes and provide solutions.
- Continuously look for areas that may yield a financial benefit to the organization.
- Charged with implementing rigorous quality control, data integrity and statistical analysis.
- Key in the analysis and implementation of processes to improve the "on-time performance" (percent of time that buses run on schedule) to record high numbers.

Project Management Office

- Responsible for supervising and directing the efforts of the Project Management Office, which currently oversees a Project Portfolio of just under \$125M. Projects range from the technical deployments to process re-engineering efforts.
- Helped develop project management processes to improve the success rate of project delivery.
- Developed system for companywide project management through organizational matrix approach.
- Spearhead project portfolio review effort to update, communicate and maintain project deadlines in order to ensure successful implementation of projects.

2000-2010 **Director of Information Technology** | RGRTA, Rochester, NY

- Tasked with finding new ways to help customers and the organization profit from how data is used while focusing on managing budgets and processes to eliminate or reduce costs
- Responsible for directing the work of systems analysts, computer programmers, support specialists, administrative assistants and project managers
- Constantly conducting strategic planning and drafting the path for the role of technology within the Organization and the setting the goals for the team
- Responsible for setting the vision and planning of the most ambitious technical project in the Authority's history. This is a 22 million dollar project for the implementation of a suite of technologies which will have a deep impact on customer service, operational efficiencies and the bottom line of the Organization
- Participate in Leadership Team meetings and provide Executive Team information in order to help determine both technical and business goals
- Assign and review the work of team lead subordinates
- Evaluate the newest and most innovative technologies and determine how these can help the organization
- Overall management of information systems and computing resources for the entire organization
- Develop requirement definitions, write SOWs, evaluate proposals and select firms as part of the procurement process for projects
- Develop and administer budgets and schedules for information technology business operations and capital projects
- Created partnerships with local higher educational institutions to design innovative solutions, while fomenting business relations
- Projects:
 - Deploying a companywide Voice over IP telephone system
 - Re-developing customer technical support process
 - Implementing Lean Six Sigma process for maintenance department
 - Developing plan for supporting Board members technical and communication needs

1999 - 2000 **Systems Administrator** | RGRTA, Rochester, NY

- Responsible for company wide Information System's projects planning and implementation
- Provide the upkeep, maintenance and security of networks
- LAN/WAN (Local Area Network/Wide Area Network) design and administer an organization's local area network; direct the network, and its related computing environment, including hardware, systems software, applications software, and all other computer-related configurations
- Setup and supervise services for over 20 different DSS sites for remote access to company resources
- In charge of leading, training and supervising technical classes
- Conduct training on an advance level of various software programs.
- Deliver assistance as a consultant to other companies.
- Troubleshoot and repair PC systems maintaining them in optimum conditions.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Simon School of Business

University of Rochester | Rochester, NY

Master's in Business Administration

Beta Gamma Sigma - member

University of Rochester | Rochester, NY
Bachelor's Degree
Dean's List

Rochester Institute of Technology, | Rochester, NY
College of Computing and Information Sciences – Partially Completed

SPECIAL SKILLS AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

- University of Rochester Outstanding Academic Achievement Certificate for two consecutive years.
- University and National Dean's list
- Member of Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society
- Bilingual: Fluent in English and Spanish.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND AFILIATIONS

- Board member of the regional advisory board for Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield
- Member of Nazareth University Board of Trustee
- Member of the executive committee and board of the Rochester Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative
- Member of the Lifespan board of directors
- Co-chair of the Together Now Board
- Past Board Member of the Catholic Family Center and Finance Committee
- Past Board Member of Rochester Hope
- Past Board Member of the Red Cross
- Past Board Member of the AI Sigl Community of Agencies
- Past Board Member and Chair of the Ibero American Action League
- Latino Leadership Development Program – class president
- Thayer Leadership Program