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Resolution in Support of State Legislation Creating a Public Power Authority

Whereas, New York State residents, on average, pay among the highest utility rates in the continental United States, and

Whereas, National Grid is a foreign owned investment utility providing electrical power to the service area of the Alliance for Municipal Power (AMP), and

Whereas, the member municipalities of AMP, in St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, have resolved to develop a plan for public power to serve their communities, and

Whereas, Public Authorities may only be created by the State of New York, and


Whereas, AMP and the municipalities have collectively determined that the only entity which will allow them to accomplish their public power goals requires the creation of a Public Power Authority, and

Whereas, it appears that such a Public Power Authority, acting as a Public Power Utility, would be in the best interest of the citizens of the AMP communities, and

Whereas, the Business Development Corporation for a Greater Massena serves a portion of the AMP community, and

Whereas, the Business Development Corporation for a Greater Massena considers the creation of a public power utility to be in the long term energy and economic interests of the AMP communities and all of upstate New York,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Business Development Corporation for a Greater Massena supports legislation to be presented before the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York to enact a Public Power Authority for the participating municipalities of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, and that AMP may distribute copies of this resolution to the State Senate and Assembly members and the Governor of New York State.

Date: 7-31-05
Signature: 
Title: VP, BDC Greater Massena