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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, Town and Village of Canton are located within the AMP community, and

Whereas, Economic Development Steering Committee considers the creation of a public power utility to be in the long term energy and economic interests of the AMP communities,

Therefore be it resolved,

1. That the Economic Development Steering Committee 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 the St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, and
2. That a signed copy of this Resolution be mailed to Robert Best, Chairman, AMP, P.O. Box 173, Canton, NY 13617, and
3. That AMP may distribute copies of this resolution to the State Senate and Assembly members and the Governor of New York State.

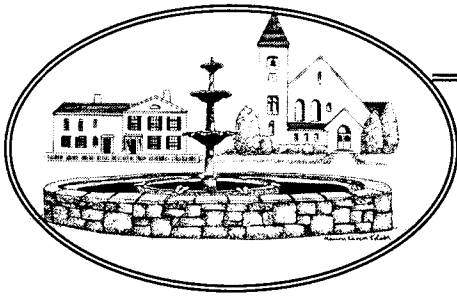
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February 14, 2008

Mr. Robert Best, Chairman
Alliance for Municipal Power
PO Box 173
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RE: Resolution in Support of State Legislation Creating a Public Power Authority

Dear Robert:

This letter is being sent to strongly recommend the creation of a Public Power Authority for St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, located in Upstate New York.

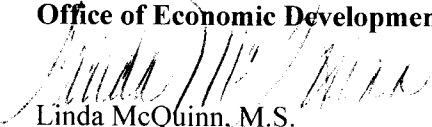
As the Economic Development Steering Committee for the Town and Village of Canton indicated in our meeting of February 12, 2008, the members support the creation of a Public Power Authority that will enable the communities of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties to realize significant savings on utility costs by controlling their destiny regarding rates and supply of services. Their mission is to assist local businesses in Canton to control costs and remain competitive in this ever-changing global marketplace. Controlling the rising energy costs associated with living in Upstate New York is the most rational approach to this dilemma and a public power authority would allow for this scenario to happen.

As the Director of Economic Development for Canton, I witness on a daily basis the distress placed on local businesses facing the severe economic hardship of doing business in New York State. I support the committee's decision to sign and submit this resolution for consideration by the Senate, the Assembly and the Governor's Office. Without this eventual relief, I feel that we will have abdicated our responsibility to make Northern New York competitive in this global marketplace. I applaud your efforts in this regard.

If you should require any additional information to discuss my comments as they pertain to this correspondence or any other matter relative to the business community of Canton, please feel free to contact me at my office by calling 315-386-2871, Ext. 5.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the businesses of Canton.

Very truly yours,
Office of Economic Development


Linda McQuinn, M.S.
Director