

RESOLUTION NO. 20

Offered by Economic Development Committee

Relating to Supporting State Legislation Authorizing the Creation of a Public Power Authority For the Counties of Franklin and St. Lawrence For the Purpose of Developing and Operating a Public Power Utility in Certain Municipalities of the Counties

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 in Franklin County and in St. Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS: A number of municipalities in Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties, including the towns of Bombay, Brasher, Canton, Colton, DeKalb, Edwards, Fowler, Fort Covington, Hermon, Lisbon, Louisville, Moira, Norfolk, Pierrepont, Potsdam, Stockholm, Russell, Westville, villages of Canton, Norwood and Potsdam have formed a consortium to develop a Public Power Utility; and

WHEREAS: Public Authorities may only be created by the State of New York; and

WHEREAS: 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 counties and its citizens; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Franklin County Legislature 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 Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Spitzer, Senator Little, Assemblywoman Duprey, Senator Griffo, Assemblyman Alessi, Assemblywoman Scozzafava and Assemblyman Aubertine; Chair of the Assembly Energy Committee; and the Senator to be appointed, replacing Senator Wright as Chair for the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee; Robert Best, Chairman of the Alliance for Municipal Power, and the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

This is to certify that I, Gloria J. Valone, the undersigned Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution with the original on file in this office and which was adopted by the said Franklin County Legislature on the 17th day of January, 2008 and that the same is a correct and true transcript of the original resolution and of the whole thereof

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Franklin County Legislature this 18th day of January, 2008.



Clerk of the Franklin County Legislature