

**St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce**

**Resolution 2008-002**

**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 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, 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 interest of the citizens of the AMP communities, and

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is located within the AMP community, and

WHEREAS, The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce 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 St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce 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 sent by facsimile to Peter B. Lekki, Esq., at 315-379-1039, and
3. That a signed copy of this Resolution be mailed to Robert Best, Chairman, AMP, PO Box 173, Canton NY 13617, and
4. 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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Dennis Durant, President

Jan. 31, 2008  
Date