

February 4, 2008

Finance Committee: 1-14-2008

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2008

RESOLUTION 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

By Mr. Paquin, Chair, Finance Committee

Co-Sponsored by Mr. Burns, District 1; Mr. Grow, District 13; and Mr. Morrill, District 6

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 St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, a number of municipalities in Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties, including the Town of Bombay, Town of Brasher, Town of Canton, Town of Colton, Town of DeKalb, Town of Edwards, Town of Fowler, Town of Ft. Covington, Town of Hermon, Town of Lisbon, Town of Louisville, Town of Moira, Town of Norfolk, Town of Pierrepont, Town of Potsdam, Town of Stockholm, Town of Russell, Town of Westville, Village of Canton, Village of Norwood, and Village of 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,

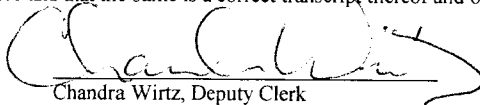
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators supports legislation to be presented before the Senate and Assembly of the State of New York to enact a Public Power Authority for the participating municipalities of Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the New York State Governor Spitzer; Assemblymembers Scozzafava, Aubertine, and Duprey; Senators Griffo and Little; and Assemblyman Alessi; Chair of the Assembly Energy Committee; Senator Little; and the Senator to be appointed, replacing Senator Wright as Chair for the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee, as well as the Chair of the Alliance for Municipal Power.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE)

I, Chandra Wirtz, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY**, that I have compared this copy Resolution, adopted February 4, 2008, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.



Chandra Wirtz, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
February 5, 2008