

RESOLUTION NO. 233

SEEKING TO ESTABLISH AN ALBANY COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY POWER AUTHORITY

Introduced: 6/9/08

By Messrs. Bullock, Gordon, Aylward, Beston, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Higgins, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Ward, Ms. Willingham, Public Works Committee, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Hoblock, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mendick, Tunny and Zeilman:

WHEREAS, Chapter 870 of the Laws of 1939 of New York State established an Albany Light Heat and Power Authority which had the authority to provide electric and other utility services to the people of Albany County, including the authority to: 1) acquire, construct and own power plants, 2) provide service, 3) contract with municipalities within Albany County to provide utility service, and 4) investigate the cost of operation of any utility service within any municipality, and

WHEREAS, Said Authority lapsed pursuant to §1026 of the Public Authorities Law, which provided that the Authority would “continue only until July 1, 1963”, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature desires to explore the possibilities of providing economical and efficient electric service to the people of Albany County and a source of electric power, especially renewable sources, which it can offer to prospective employers at a discounted cost, for the purposes of encouraging economic development in the County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the County Legislature that Albany County hereby expresses its desire and intention to establish an Albany County Renewable Energy Power Authority, which will have the authority to construct and acquire electric generating facilities, purchase power to resell to citizens of Albany County or to use for the purpose of encouraging business and economic development in Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby requests that the County’s representatives in the New York State Legislature introduce appropriate legislation to establish a public authority which will have the ability and responsibility to purchase and sell power on behalf of the County of Albany, to acquire and construct power generating facilities, and to do all things necessary in furtherance of these purposes, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials, the Governor and to the County's representatives in the New York State Assembly and New York State Senate.

Referred to Public Works Committee. 6/9/08
Adopted by unanimous vote. 10/14/08