



MICHAEL P. HEIN
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF ULSTER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-2014

REGARDING THE COUNTY'S USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has a legitimate governmental interest in protecting the environment and human health within the County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section C-25(B) of the Ulster County Charter, the Ulster County Executive has the power and duty necessarily implied or incidental thereto to "supervise, direct and control the administration of all departments" of the County; and

WHEREAS, presently, 80% or more of the power purchased by the County is generated from non-renewable sources; and

WHEREAS, carbon dioxide is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency as a pollutant, with recognized detrimental impacts on the environment and human health; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to reduce its carbon footprint and to maximize its use of renewable energy sources to meet its energy needs in an effort to protect both the environment and human health; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section C-74(B)(2) of the Ulster County Charter and Section A16-1(B)(2)(a) of the Ulster County Administrative Code, the Purchasing Director has the authority and the discretion to execute utility contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL P. HEIN, County Executive of the County of Ulster, in accordance with the aforementioned and in furtherance of my statutory duties, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Purchasing Department to ensure that for the remainder of 2014 and all of 2015, 100% of the County's electricity is purchased from renewable energy sources by obtaining Green-e Energy certified Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).
2. It shall be the responsibility of the Departments of Environment, Purchasing, Planning and Buildings and Grounds to develop and implement a long term plan to further reduce the County's carbon footprint and to maximize its use of sustainable and renewable energy sources for its energy needs.
3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until otherwise superseded or revoked.

The County of Ulster

Michael P. Hein, County Executive

Dated: June 4, 2014
Kingston, New York

