



# Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

**Maggie Brooks**  
*County Executive*

September 4, 2015

To The Administrative Boards of the  
Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District  
Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District  
Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District  
Rochester Pure Waters District  
407 County Office Building  
Rochester, New York 14614

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Committee Assignment
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**Subject:** Authorize a Power Purchase Agreement and Leases with Solar Liberty, Inc.; Transfer Parcels from the Solid Waste Fund to the County Internal Service Fund and Authorize Interconnection Agreements with RG&E, All Related to the Creation of Solar-Generated Electricity to benefit Monroe County Pure Waters and Monroe County Facilities

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that the Administrative Boards of the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District, Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District, Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District and the Rochester Pure Waters District authorize a power purchase agreement (PPA) and leases with Solar Liberty, Inc. ("Solar Liberty"); transfer parcels adjacent to the Gloria Drive Landfill from the Solid Waste Fund to the County Internal Service Fund and authorize Interconnection Agreements with RG&E, all related to the creation of solar-generated electricity to benefit Monroe County Pure Waters and Monroe County facilities.

Monroe County, the Rochester Pure Waters District and the Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District will contract with Solar Liberty for a twenty-year PPA and leases to generate up to 11 MW of electricity and resell the electricity to RG&E for offsetting credits on the County and the Districts utility bills. It is anticipated that the County will pay Solar Liberty approximately \$1.225 million per year for the electricity generated and will receive approximately \$1.591 million in credits from RG&E, netting \$366,000 annually. The electricity that will be generated annually represents more than the entire yearly electricity usage of the Northwest Quadrant and Gates-Chili-Ogden Pure Waters Districts combined.

A total of five (5) solar arrays of approximately 2 MW each will be installed under this project. Two (2) of the arrays will be located adjacent to the closed Gloria Drive/Northeast Quadrant Landfill in the Town of Penfield. The additional arrays will be located adjacent to the Northwest Quadrant Treatment Plant in the Town of Greece. Each 2 MW array requires a minimum of six (6) acres of land. The land required will be subdivided into separate parcels for each array to comply with the regulations related to the interconnection agreements with RG&E.

The transfer of the parcels adjacent to the Gloria Drive/Northeast Quadrant landfill from the Solid Waste Fund to the County Internal Service Fund is necessary to allow the utility bill credits generated to offset expenses from County facilities.

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Several firms were considered, with Solar Liberty, Inc. rated the most qualified to implement all elements of the project.

**The specific Administrative Boards actions required are:**

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute any and all documents, and any amendments thereto, needed for the financing, execution, and implementation, with Solar Liberty, Inc., 6500 Sheridan Dr. #120, Buffalo, New York 14221, for power purchase agreements related to the creation of solar-generated electricity to benefit Monroe County Pure Waters and Monroe County facilities.
2. Authorize the Controller to transfer parcels adjacent to the Gloria Drive/Northeast Quadrant Landfill held as assets in the Solid Waste Fund, fund 9009, to the County Internal Service Fund, fund 9020.

An environmental review will be completed prior to Your Honorable Body taking final action on this matter.

Funding for this project, which will be offset by credits from the interconnection agreements, will be requested in the proposed 2016 Monroe County budget and any future years' budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Solar Liberty, Inc., nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firm are:

Adam K. Rizzo, President  
Nathan T. Rizzo, Vice President

I recommend that this matter receive favorable action by the Administrative Boards of the Gates-Chili-Ogden Sewer District, Irondequoit Bay South Central Pure Waters District, Northwest Quadrant Pure Waters District and the Rochester Pure Waters District.

Sincerely,



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