



Tompkins County Council of Governments

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RESOLUTION NO 001-2017

**Resolution Establishing a TCCOG Community Choice Aggregation
Advisory Committee**

MOVED by Ms. Weiser, seconded by Ms. Woodard, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County municipalities are interested in promoting energy efficiency, greenhouse gas reduction, and local renewable energy generation, and also in reducing energy costs for their residents, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Service Commission, in April 2016, authorized the development of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs, which allows participating local governments to work together through a shared purchasing agreement to procure natural gas and/or electric energy supply on behalf of their residents and small businesses, and

WHEREAS, Community Choice Aggregation allows the exercise of local control to negotiate lower, more stable and predictable energy prices, to increase the percentage of renewable energy in the fuel mix, to promote energy efficiency, and to encourage local renewable energy development and local job growth, and

WHEREAS, residents and small businesses that are not interested in participating in CCA energy procurement are able to opt out and purchase their energy through NYSEG or another energy provider of their choice, and

WHEREAS, with a CCA program, NYSEG will still provide delivery of electricity and will maintain the grid to ensure safe, reliable electric service, and NYSEG will provide Service of Last Resort in the event a CCA supplier does not perform, and

WHEREAS, in order to create a Community Choice Aggregation program for New York State's municipalities, the New York State Public Service Commission has to approve the creation of any new CCA district, and

WHEREAS a village, town or city must pass a local law to establish participation in a CCA program, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Council of Governments (TCCOG) works to identify shared services and procurement opportunities to provide better service and lower costs to our residents, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That TCCOG supports the exploration of Community Choice Aggregation by a TCCOG advisory committee to be made up of public officials and/or resident advisors of each municipality interested in exploring CCA,

RESOLVED, further, That the TCCOG CCA Advisory Committee will be tasked as follows:

- To assist in educating municipal boards and residents about Community Choice Aggregation
- To review the various CCA administrative structures allowed in NYS and recommend which structure is best suited to our community,
- To review CCA procurement models offered in NY and other states and recommend which procurement model is best suited to our community, and
- To conduct a competitive search process for CCA program administrator and to provide recommendations for program administrator to interested municipalities.

CCA Advisory Committee members:

- Irene Weiser - Councilmember, Town of Caroline
- Liz Thomas - Supervisor, Town of Ulysses
- Mark Witmer - Supervisor, Town of Caroline
- Ann Rider - Supervisor, Town of Enfield
- Jim Hollihan, Councilmember, Town of Danby
- Deborah Cipolla-Dennis - Councilmember, Town of Dryden
- Nick Goldsmith - Sustainability Coordinator, Town of Ithaca, City of Ithaca
- Mary Ann Friend - Trustee, Village of Cayuga Heights
- Darby Kiley - Town of Ulysses planner
- Katie Borgella - Tompkins County Planning Dept
- Brian Eden - Environmental Management Council
- Sara Hess - City of Ithaca resident
- Mary Alyce Kobler - Energy Independent Caroline
- Jonathan Comstock - Heat Smart Tompkins
- Deborah Dawson - Village of Lansing Planning board

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
 COUNTY OF TOMPKINS)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Tompkins County Council of Governments on January 26, 2017.

Michelle Pottorff, Staff
Tompkins County Council of Governments