



MICHAEL P. HEIN
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF ULSTER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-2016

REGARDING THE COUNTY'S USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY
FOR THE YEARS 2016 AND 2017

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has a clear 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, carbon dioxide, and other by-products of fossil fuel combustion, are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency as pollutants, 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, in 2014 the County Executive directed the Department of Purchasing to ensure that for the remainder of 2014 and all of 2015 that 100% of the County's electricity is purchased from renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has been nationally recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a top municipal leader for its commitment to procure renewable energy as well as its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emission associated with government operations through conservation, efficiency, and on-site renewable generation; 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 Department of Purchasing to ensure that for the years of 2016 and 2017, 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 Department of Environment, in close coordination with the Departments of Purchasing, Planning and Public Works, 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. It shall be the responsibility of the Department of the Environment Coordinator to act as the Climate Smart Communities Coordinator for government operations.
4. Ulster County will endeavor to operate a carbon neutral government and furthermore decrease greenhouse gas emission associated with its operations (through conservation, efficiency, and on-site renewable generation) by 25% by 2025 and 80% by 2050 using the County's 2012 greenhouse gas emission inventory as a baseline.
5. 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: February 2, 2016
Kingston, New York