



MICHAEL P. HEIN  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
COUNTY OF ULSTER

FILED  
11 H 54 M

AUG 10 2018

COPY  
Nina Postupack  
Ulster County Clerk

18-1306

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2-2018

REGARDING THE COUNTY'S USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY  
FOR THE YEARS 2018 AND 2019

**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**, many of the 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 and again in 2016, I, Michael P. Hein, the County Executive directed the Department of Purchasing to ensure 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;

RECEIVED

AUG 10 2018

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

**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 2018 and 2019, 100% of the County's electricity is purchased directly from renewable energy sources or 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 Climate Action Plan for county government operations 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 shall endeavor to operate a carbon neutral government and furthermore decrease greenhouse gas emissions 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. Ulster County government shall support ways to decrease energy use, decrease greenhouse gas emissions and increase the use of green power across our community and set a goal of decreasing community wide greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030 and 80% by 2050 (below 1990 levels) using the regional GHG emissions inventory as a baseline.
6. 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: August 10, 2018  
Kingston, New York