

ULSTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Dave Haldeman, Chair
Margot Becker, Vice-Chair
Kenneth Panza, Secretary

Agenda

Regular Monthly Meeting of August 26, 2020
6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conferencing

“The purpose of the Council shall be to review and advise the county and local governments on present and proposed methods of using, protecting and conserving the environment for the benefit of all the people.”

Although meetings of the EMC are open to the public, Zoom invitations will be sent only to members of the EMC. If others wish to attend, please notify the secretary or the chair to obtain Zoom login instructions and passwords.

Call to Order

By Margot Becker, Vice Chair

Announcements

Approval of Minutes

Consider minutes of the **July 29, 2020** meeting of the EMC.

Introduction of Speaker/Presentation

Brad Tito, Program Manager, Communities and Local Government at NYSERDA

Brad has been invited to explain Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) to the EMC.



CCAs, also known as municipal aggregation, are programs that allow local governments to procure power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from an alternative supplier while still receiving transmission and distribution service from their existing utility provider.

CCAs can be an attractive option for communities that want more local control over their electricity sources, more green power than is offered by the default utility, and/or lower electricity prices. By aggregating demand, communities gain leverage to negotiate better rates with competitive suppliers and choose greener power sources.

CCAs are currently authorized in California, Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island.

Brad Tito works with communities across New York State to save energy and improve the environment. He helped design and together with his team launch NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities initiative. He specializes in municipal sustainability initiatives including LED street lights and community choice aggregation (CCA).

Prior to joining NYSERDA, Brad served as Director of Sustainability for the City of Yonkers - New York's fourth largest city - where he led a number of high-profile initiatives including an award-winning LED streetlight conversion project and the establishment of mandatory green-building standards. Prior to Yonkers, Brad served as the Director of Environmental Coordination for Nassau County on Long Island where he developed a broad range of environmental and health initiatives. He has a master's degree in Urban Policy Analysis and Management from the New School University and a bachelor's degree in Sustainable Development from Prescott College in Arizona.

Report from Department of the Environment

Amanda LaValle, Coordinator

Old Business

New Business

Legislature Report – Energy & Environment Committee

Council Member Roundabout

Adjournment

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