

**RESOLUTION  
STEUBEN COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
BATH, NEW YORK**

DATE APPROVED : 02/11/2025 INTRO. NO. : 1-1  
PERM. NO. : 022-25 INTRO. DATE: 02/11/2025

INTRO. BY : M. Hanna SECONDED BY : R. Nichols

**VOTE:**

ROLL CALL	<u>      </u>	YES	<u>      </u>	AMENDED	<u>      </u>	LOST	<u>      </u>
ADOPTED	<u>  X  </u>	NO	<u>      </u>	TABLED	<u>      </u>	W/DRWN	<u>      </u>
ACCLAMATION	<u>  X  </u>	ABSTN'D	<u>      </u>	POSTPONED	<u>      </u>		
		ABSENT	<u>      </u>	REF'D/COM	<u>      </u>		

**COMMITTEES:**

A.I.P. Y:   3   N:   0   Y:        N:        Y:        N:       

**TITLE: OPPOSING THE NEW YORK STATE POWER AUTHORITY'S PROPOSED RULE TO INCREASE THE PREFERENCE POWER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS WHO RECEIVE HYDROPOWER FROM THE NIAGARA AND ST. LAWRENCE-FDR POWER PROJECTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the New York Power Authority (NYPA) has submitted a proposal that plans to implement a phase-in to the cost-of-service rates related to Preference Power rates for customers that receive low-cost hydropower from the Niagara and St. Lawrence-FDR power projects; and

**WHEREAS**, these proposed rates would nearly triple the cost of hydropower for "preference power" customers over four years from \$12.88 per megawatt hour to \$33.05 per megawatt hour; and

**WHEREAS**, this rate increase will have a devastating impact on municipal electric systems and rural electric cooperatives across New York State, as well as their taxpaying members and businesses, including the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative and Bath Electric, Gas and Water Systems, both operating in Steuben County; and

**WHEREAS**, this rate increase undermines NYPA's longstanding mission of providing affordable, clean energy to municipal electric systems, rural cooperatives, and other entities under the Niagara Redevelopment Act.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Steuben County Legislature hereby opposes the New York State Power Authority's proposed rule to increase the preference power rates for customers who receive a portion of their electric from hydropower; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to NYPA's Corporate Secretary for inclusion in NYPA's public comment period, which ends on February 24, 2025; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor, NYS Capitol Building, Albany, NY 12224; Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins, NYS Senate Majority Leader, 907 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247; Honorable Robert G. Ort, NYS Senate Minority Leader, Capitol Building, Room 315, Albany, NY 12247; Honorable Carl E. Heastie, Speaker, NYS Assembly, 932 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; Honorable Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes, NYS Assembly Majority Leader, 926 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; Honorable William A. Barclay, NYS Assembly Minority Leader, 933 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; Honorable Thomas M. O'Mara, NYS Senator, 406 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247; Honorable Philip A. Palmesano, NYS Assemblyman, 448 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; Honorable Joseph Sempolinski, NYS Assemblyman, 548 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; Honorable Andrea K. Bailey, NYS Assemblywoman, 718 Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, 9 Wilson Avenue, Bath, NY 14810; and Bath Electric Gas & Water Systems, 144 E. Morris Street, Bath, NY 14810.

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Steuben County Legislature, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY**, that the foregoing is a copy of a resolution duly adopted by said County Legislature while in session in the Legislative Chambers in the Village of Bath, New York, February 11, 2025; that it is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said County Legislature at Bath, New York, February 11, 2025.

  
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