

# Inter-County Association of Western New York

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## RESOLUTION NO. 005-25

### **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; 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 Inter-County Association of Western New York, representing 2.9 million citizens in the State of New York, 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**, a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Honorable Kathy Hochul, New York State Governor; all members of the NYS Senate; all members of the NYS Assembly; and the New York State Association of Counties.

**STATE OF NEW YORK)**

ss.:

**COUNTY OF STEUBEN)**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Inter-County Association of Western New York while in session in Genesee County on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2025.

Dated: April 2, 2025  
Bath, New York



Amanda L. Chapman, Secretary  
Inter-County Association of Western New York