

NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FROM: Economic Development Committee and DATE: 1/15/2008 RESOLUTION # ED-001-08

Legislator John Syracuse

APPROVED BY
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COMMITTEE ACTION

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Approved: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes 0
Rejected: Ayes _____ Abs. _____ Noes _____
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**A RESOLUTION BY THE NIAGARA COUNTY LEGISLATURE
IN SUPPORT OF THE AES LAKE UNLOADING PROJECT (LUP)**

WHEREAS, AES plans to use its extensive development and operating experience to develop a state-of-the-art lake unloading facility at its existing electric power generation site in Niagara County, and

WHEREAS, AES plans on investing \$25 million in the construction of this Lake Unloading Project (herein the LUP) as part of an on-going effort to enhance operating efficiencies and reliability, and

WHEREAS, the LUP is a major economic development initiative for Niagara County and will create over 100 good paying union construction jobs over 18 months of construction, and

WHEREAS, the LUP will generate significant new tax revenues for Niagara County, the Town of Somerset, and the Barker School District, and

WHEREAS, the LUP helps to retain more than 150 union and management positions at AES' current electric generating facility, and

WHEREAS, the LUP will be utilized to deliver products such as coal and other bulk commodities via self-unloading ships to the AES generating facility, and

WHEREAS, AES estimates that the total annual value of raw materials to be delivered from the LUP will be approximately \$100 million, and

WHEREAS, the LUP project will provide alternative access to this multi-modal site expanding the potential for access to the resources of the Great Lakes Region and global markets, and

WHEREAS, the LUP will contribute to national energy security by providing another alternative in fuel delivery to the facility which allows an advanced clean coal generating facility an abundant and secure fuel source, avoiding the supply interruptions and price volatility often associated with natural gas and oil, and

WHEREAS, the LUP provides national and regional homeland security benefits by providing a dual transportation operation of part of New York's critical energy infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the 1,800-acre property has excellent characteristics for those businesses looking for a shovel-ready site with co-generation energy possibilities, and

WHEREAS, the LUP increases the marketability of the by-products (e.g. gypsum) associated with the power generation business to domestic and international markets, and

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WHEREAS, AES has invested significant financial resources in advanced technology and environmental controls to make the Somerset power plant the cleanest and most efficient coal facility in New York State and among one of the best performing generating stations in the United States, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Niagara County Legislature hereby designates its support for AES' LUP, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter, Congressman Thomas M. Reynolds, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Senator George Maziarz, Senator Antoine Thompson, Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte, Assemblyman James Hayes, Assemblyman Robin Schimminger, Assemblyman Michael Cole, Assemblyman Steven Hawley, and that a response be requested from each elected official, and be it further

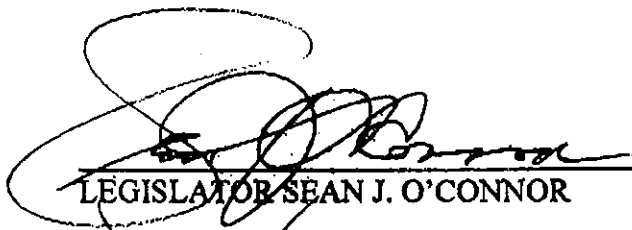
RESOLVED, this resolution is approved on this the 15th day of January, 2008.

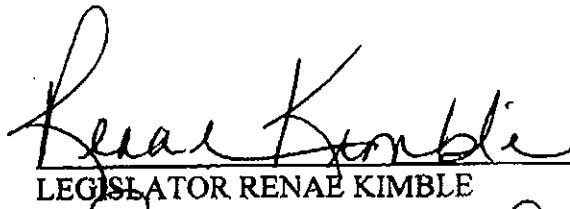


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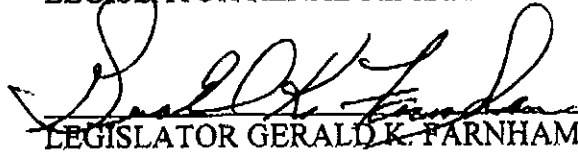


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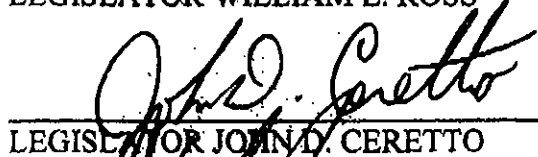

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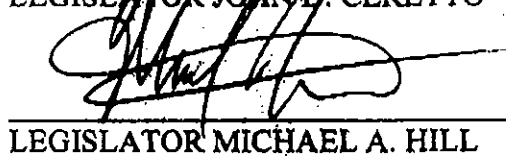

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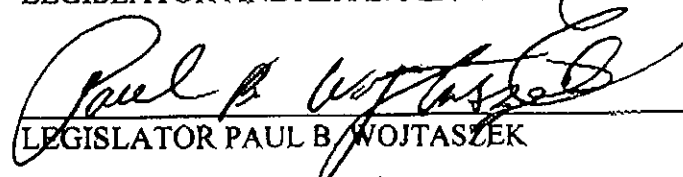

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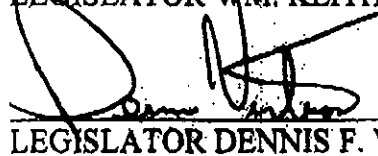

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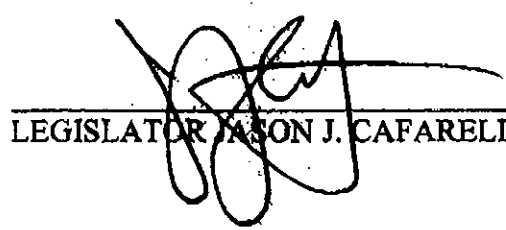

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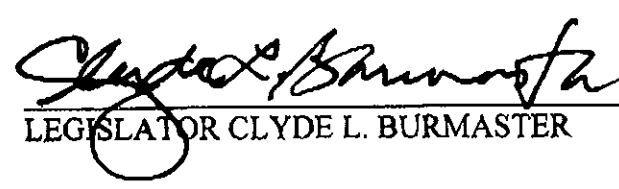

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