

ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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County Executive



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1-2019

REGARDING THE COUNTY'S USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR THE YEARS 2019 AND 2020

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has a clear governmental interest in protecting the environment and human health within the County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, overwhelming consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), regarding the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions and carbon pollution including a rapid and unprecedented increase in atmospheric temperatures; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to accelerate the reduction of carbon pollution by maximizing its usage of locally generated renewable energy, reinforcing its commitment to protect the environment and human health in Ulster 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, starting in 2014, Ulster County has purchased 100% of its electricity from renewable energy sources; and,

WHEREAS, this environmental leadership, commitment to renewable energy and net carbon neutral government operations has been recognized by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK K. RYAN, 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, in close coordination with the Department of the Environment, to ensure that for the years of 2019 and 2020, 100% of the County's electricity is purchased directly from local renewable energy sources or by obtaining Green-e Energy certified Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).
2. Ulster County shall endeavor to continue to operate a net carbon neutral government and furthermore decrease greenhouse gas emission associated with its operations (through conservation, efficiency, on-site/local renewable generation) by 25% by 2025 and 80% by 2050 using the County's 2012 greenhouse gas emission inventory as a baseline.
3. Ulster County shall endeavor to supply 100% of its annual building and fleet electricity usage from locally generated renewable energy sources by the year 2030.
4. It shall be the responsibility of the Department of Environment, in close coordination with the Departments of Purchasing, Planning and Public Works, to implement the June 2019 Climate Action Plan for county government operations to meet the County's carbon emission reduction goals, drive deployment of clean technology and improve climate resilience.
5. It shall be the responsibility of the Department of the Environment Coordinator to act as the Climate Smart Communities Coordinator for government operations.
6. 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 sets a goal of decreasing community wide greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050 (below 1990 levels) using the regional GHG emissions inventory as a baseline.
7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until otherwise superseded or revoked.

The County of Ulster



Patrick K. Ryan, County Executive

Dated: June 18, 2019
Kingston, New York