

RESOLUTION NO. 238

REQUESTING THE ALBANY COUNTY ENERGY ADVISORY GROUP TO REVIEW THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC & GAS ALLIANCE (MEGA)

Introduced: 6/14/10

By Mr. McCoy, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Morse, Higgins, Aylward, Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 428 for 2004, this Honorable Body created an Energy Advisory Group (EAG) to react to the extreme volatility of the natural gas and electric energy markets, and

WHEREAS, The EAG, consisting of the Executive Director of the Sewer District, the Commissioner of the Department Management and Budget and the Purchasing Agent, has done an outstanding job saving the County money on utility costs, and

WHEREAS, The EAG has developed and reviewed energy related bids, made recommendations to the Legislature to approve the lowest bid and acted as the County's agent to take advantage of mid-term contract decreases in energy costs, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body has been made aware that a power consortium, referred to as the Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance (MEGA), has been established and the County's participation in MEGA may potentially lead to further savings, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of this Honorable Body that the Energy Advisory Group determine the potential benefits the County may derive from participating in MEGA, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the Albany County Energy Advisory Group is requested to review and report the potential benefits of the County's participation in the Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance (MEGA), and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 6/14/10