

Draft of Rutland Resolution as revised by the Charlotte Energy Committee

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE INPUT OF VERMONT MUNICIPALITIES REGARDING ENERGY PROJECTS IN CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has set aggressive energy goals for Vermont.

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WHEREAS, as a result of these aggressive goals the number of certificate of public good (CPG) applications before the Public Service Board (PSB) has increased substantially.

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WHEREAS, at best, the current CPG process provided by 30 V.S.A. §248 affords a limited role for Vermont municipalities, municipal planning commissions, and town selectboards. Regardless of the content, scope, or impact on a proposed energy project or a municipality's efforts to have a say in the project's siting, the §248 process and the legal analysis employed by the PSB enable the PSB to disregard and/or avoid the policies and standards of the very municipality in which the energy project is to be located.

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WHEREAS, it has become clear that legislative changes are needed to afford Vermont municipalities a greater say in the approval and siting of energy projects.

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THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED by the undersigned Vermont municipalities, to instruct their state representatives and senators to develop amendments to the statutes that concern the siting and approval of energy projects and to the procedures of the PSB in order to ensure that Vermont municipalities have a more meaningful role in the CPG process and to require compliance with appropriately-developed municipal siting standards.

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