Resolution No. 200 June 11, 2008

Ulster County Salt Storage Facility - Adoption Of Negative Declaration And Authorizing Distribution Of Notice Of Determination Of Non-Significance Under The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Lomita and Legislators Cahill, Dart, Gregorius, Provenzano, Zimet, Cummings, Gerentine and Noonan) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the proposed Action, being in The matter of the construction of a salt storage facility with office and removal of existing Public Works Substation, County of Ulster, Town of New Paltz, on lands owned by Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature, in Resolution No. 391 of December 13, 2004, declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and classified the Action thereunder as Unlisted pursuant to 6 NYCRR Parts 617.4 and 617.2(ak), and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of the SEQRA Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), related Addendum and documentary exhibits were duly circulated and coordinated review was initiated with all Involved and Interested Agencies pursuant to 6 NYCRR Parts 617.6(b)(3)(i) and 617.6(a)(1)(iv), and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency and its consultants met with the New Paltz Planning Board and as well as conducted a duly noticed Public Information/Comment meeting on January 15, 2008 at the BOCES Conference Center in New Paltz, New York, in order to disseminate information to the public and receive comments from the public relative to the Facility, and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency in conjunction with its consultants has responded to all SEQRA issues as identified, considered and examined by the Involved and Interested Agencies, members of the public and the Lead Agency and in so doing, has taken a hard look at said areas and prepared a reasoned elaboration for a determination of non-significance under SEQRA (Negative Declaration), a copy of which this Resolution is annexed to and made a part thereof, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lead Agency have read the annexed Negative Declaration, know the contents thereof and desire to adopt and issue said document as Lead Agency under SEQRA, and

WHEREAS, the Laws and Rules Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

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WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 et seq. of the Regulations of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State (SEQRA), the Ulster County Legislature, as Lead Agency, hereby adopts and issues the Negative Declaration under SEQRA upon the vote thereupon and the signature of the Ulster County Legislature Chairman herewith, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to file this Resolution and accompanying Negative Declaration with the Involved and Interested Agencies as enumerated in the Negative Declaration, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adoption of the Negative Declaration shall constitute the Decision for approval for the construction and use of the of the salt storage facility with office and removal of existing Public Works Substation, County of Ulster, Town of New Paltz, on lands owned by Ulster County, together with all plans and documents associated therewith,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Kraft, Roberti and Sheeley) (Legislator Stoeckeler left at 8:40 PM)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$800,470.00 – SERIAL BONDS ULSTER COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS