

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Resolution No. 09-03-16

March 24, 2009

URGING NEW YORK STATE TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION, AND APPROVE EMPIRE ZONE BENEFITS TO CURRAN RENEWABLE ENERGY, LLC

WHEREAS, in February 2007 Patrick Curran, President of Curran Renewable Energy, LLC received an Incentive Proposal from New York State Empire State Development Corporation (“ESD”) offering grant funds and Empire Zone benefits as a “Regionally Significant Project (“RSP”) as part of a \$12,000,000 project to be located in the Massena Industrial Park, and

WHEREAS, Curran Renewable Energy, LLC has committed to creating 50 full-time permanent jobs and retaining 90 full-time permanent jobs to meet the requirements set forth by ESD as a Manufacturing RSP, and

WHEREAS, in January of 2008 New York State began significant discussions regarding making changes to the Empire Zone program, and

WHEREAS, local officials had been assured that this project would not be subject to the proposed Investment to Zone Benefit ratio changes because the application had been submitted well before the changes were proposed, and

WHEREAS, all levels of approval had been granted, the last being the NYS Department of Labor’s on March 13, 2009, prior to final approval by ESD, and

WHEREAS, ESD has since denied the application based on recently-proposed changes, specifically changes in the Investment to Zone benefit ratio, and

WHEREAS, this project had proposed to create 50 jobs, a number in line with the benefit/cost standards requested by ESD during the Company’s application process, and

WHEREAS, these jobs are significant to Massena and the North Country, considering the number of jobs lost through the closing of Massena’s GM Powertrain plant, and

WHEREAS, this project will also create a renewable energy source in a part of the State that experiences severe cold weather conditions and subsequently needs all available alternative heating sources, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency (“Agency”) asks New York State to recognize that providing economic development opportunities to this economically depressed region would have significant benefit and long-lasting benefit, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agency respectfully requests that Governor David Paterson review this project and approve this project for Empire Zone benefits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff are instructed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Paterson, New York State Senators Aubertine and Griffo, and New York State Assemblywomen Scozzafava and Russell.

Move:	Weekes			
Second:	McMahon			
VOTE	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Blevins	X			
Greenwood	X			
LaBaff	X			
McMahon	X			
Morrill	X			
Staples	X			
Weekes	X			

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared this copy of this Resolution with the original record in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

/s/ Natalie A. Sweatland

Natalie A. Sweatland
03/24/2009