
CCPUSA MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cayuga County Public Utility Services Agency (“CCPUSA”) was held on Tuesday April 10, 2018 in the Caucus Room #1, Sixth Floor Conference Room, Cayuga County Office Building, 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY, 13021, at 9:00 a.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS: Paul Pinckney, John Montone, Cal Sheckler, Denny Zach, Tim Lattimore, Bud Shattuck

EXCUSED: Mike Long

STAFF: Stephen Lynch, Executive Director, CC Planning and ED
Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant, CC Planning and ED

OTHERS
J. Justin Woods, County Administrator
Charlie Ripley, County Legislator District #9
Doug Kierst, Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District
John Roser, CHA Generate Cayuga, LLC
Chris Carrick, Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board
Barbara Blanchard, MEGA ENERGY, Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance
Louise Gava, MEGA ENERGY, Municipal Electric & Gas Alliance
Melissa Clark, VP Business Development, Abundant Solar Power Inc.
Gillian Dewey Black, Business Development Director, Abundant Solar Power, Inc.
Gwen Craig, The Citizen

John Montone opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MEGA ENERGY:** Opportunities for Collaboration on Energy Projects, Barbara Blanchard. Barbara Blanchard distributed a packet of information and presented an overview of MEGA programs. Barbara explained, MEGA is not a cooperative, not a broker, and not an Energy Service Company (ESCO), MEGA is a not-for-profit group and acts as an aggregator. MEGA will take the total power load of all of communities which participate, aggregate those quantities and then go out to a public bid. The bid will identify an ESCO for electricity and an ESCO for a gas program agreement to then offer pricing to the participants. MEGA serves about 35-40 Counties and about 280 other municipalities. Cayuga County had been in their program in past years; yet went out with their own bid in 2009. Mega asked for the County to re-evaluate MEGA services when their current contracts expire. Barbara had verified with NYS Department of State that savings from aggregate type services can be incorporated into the municipalities’ Shared Services savings proposals. MEGA’s has developed a community formula on what the savings would be in real dollars.
- **MEGA ENERGY, Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), Louise Gava**
Louise Gava presented an overview of the CCA program. Louise explained the breakdown of the utility bill. MEGA deals with the supply portion of the bills. MEGA has been approved as an administrator of the CCA program in October 2017. CCA allows Towns, Village and Cities, though not Counties, to aggregate residents and small commercial loads to create larger buying power to help lower utility costs. Counties can play a facilitating role in the program. Municipalities need to be in the same utility territory and load zone to be included for better

rates though bulk purchasing along with the ability to integrate renewables into their programs. CCA is an opt-out program and extensive education and community outreach to the residents is a main component of the State's requirements to allow the community to establish a CCA. Louise outlined the steps in the process to establish MEGA as the community CCA Administrator. Justin explained that NYSAC does recommend MEGA as the CCA provider.

- **ABUNDANT SOLAR POWER (ASP) & CNYRPDB: Overview of CNY Municipal Solar Project at County Natural Resource Campus - Melissa Clark and Gillian Black**

Melissa Clark stated currently 24 community sites are in the CNYRPDB five-county project. Abundant reviewed what has been done to date and described the next steps to move forward. Abundant Solar Power (ASP) has created preliminary designs along with production estimates and estimated utility inter-connection costs. ASP has revised the cost estimates after considering the solar panel tariff issued in January 2018. Moving forward, Purchase Power Agreements (PPA) and leases will be written and negotiated along with permitting and approval process to be completed. Gillian Black described with the board the elements of remote net metering (RNM), community distributed generation (CDG) and value of distributed resources (VDER) and how the methods relate to the costs and values of energy associated with proposed community solar project at County House Road Complex. ASP recommends the County move forward with a Community Distributed Generation (CDG) project, as it provides the greatest overall benefit. This project is targeted to residents and small businesses. Next steps: the execution of the PPA and lease prior to initiating the interconnection agreements, performing local permitting process and approvals, engineering, procurement, construction and commercial operation. The County Planning Committee will be reviewing this presentation and then forward to the full legislative. CCPUSA members inquired on the project: billing credits, legal issues, insurance requirements, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Tim Lattimore motioned to enter into executive session to seek legal advice at 11:22 a.m., 2nd by John Montone. All members present voted in favor, passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Paul Pinckney motioned to come out of executive session at 11:57 a.m., 2nd by Tim Lattimore. All members present voted in favor, passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Paul Pinckney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m., 2nd by Tim Lattimore. All members present voted in favor, passed.

- **The next regularly scheduled CCPUSA meeting will be held on May 8, 2018 at the Cayuga County Office Building, 6th Floor Caucus Room #1, at 9 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant
Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development

John Montone motioned to approve the meeting minutes of April 10, 2018, 2nd by Bud Shattuck, All members present voted in favor, passed. June 12, 2018.