

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: September 24, 2007

MEMBERS (E&E): Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Myers, Rogowsky, and Chairman Ryan.

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane; GUESTS: A. Neuman, B. Randolph [CEO]; L. Streisfeld-Leitner; [list of other attendees on file].

Meeting called to order at 3:52 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: E&E Item No. 114 – **Exemption on County Sales Taxes for Solar System Installations** (proposed Act)

The Committee considered proposed legislation to exempt the sale and installation of residential solar energy systems equipment from county sales taxes. The Act opts into a 2005 state law allowing counties, cities and school districts to exempt sales and use taxes for such purchases, thereby promoting direct solar energy use by homeowners.

Mr. Streisfeld-Leitner, a professional solar energy consultant, informed the Committee of the typical costs, procedures, and incentives encountered by homeowners that install solar energy systems. Mr. Neuman noted that a unique 'pop-up' provision may occur in some municipalities for proposed sales tax exemptions.

On the motion of Leg. Rogowsky, seconded by Leg. Myers, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the proposed legislation for all purposes (4-0).

On the motion of Leg. Myers, seconded by Leg. Rogowsky, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting (all in favor). The meeting adjourned at approx. 4:20 pm.

[audio recording of meeting is on file]