

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

MINUTES: April 28, 2008

MEMBERS (E&E): Chair: Abinanti; Legislators: Harckham, Kaplowitz, Maisano, Myers, Nonna, Rogowsky

IN ATTENDANCE: STAFF: C. Crane, L. Goldstein; GUESTS: B. Randolph (CEO); S. Glass (Law); C. Copeland, M. Cruz-Brown, R. Hackman, J. Paine (NYPA); J. Cusack (Gifford Park Assoc.); D. Seidel

Meeting called to order at 3:47 pm.

Item(s) Discussed: **Public Utility Service Agency, Energy Purchasing**

Chair Abinanti opened the meeting with discussion on the County of Westchester Public Utility Service Agency (COWPUSA). Mr. Glass described the structure and function of COWPUSA. Committee members discussed COWPUSA activities, relationships with New York Power Authority (NYPA) and electricity purchasing.

Members of NYPA joined the discussion and described projects in which NYPA is assisting Westchester County. Discussion also included purchasing of renewable energy and promotion of renewable energy use by the County. Mr. Cusack noted that markets for carbon credits have developed and recommended the County consider participating in such markets.

Chair Abinanti requested that Mr. Glass further research the following discussion items: NYPA assistance in procuring renewable power or renewable energy credits (RECs), update on the use of digester gas at the Yonkers JWTP, update on use of Croton Point landfill gas, identification of energy types provided by NYPA, and application of potential net metering provisions to the County.

A new subcommittee headed by Leg. Kaplowitz on energy efficiency was announced. Leg. Kaplowitz invited all interested legislators to participate on the subcommittee.

Chair Abinanti adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

[audio recording of meeting is on file]