RESOLUTION R-2019-31 LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

A Resolution of the Luzerne County Council Providing Prior Approval for the Execution of Utility Supply Contracts.

WHEREAS, Luzerne County business is transacted in multiple facilities, and

WHEREAS, these facilities generate substantial costs for electricity consumption; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County does currently have contracts for electricity supply that are scheduled to expire in February 2019 and is seeking to enter into new contracts to avoid fluctuations in the electricity supply market; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County desires to enter into new contracts, potentially multi-year contracts for electricity supply in order to keep utility costs low; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council has the authority to approve any contract over \$25,000 for any unbudgeted year, or \$75,000 in aggregate for two or more unbudgeted years; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council understands the electricity supply markets are extremely volatile in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council desires swift and decisive action in the electricity supply market in order to lock in the best utility supply prices for Luzerne County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Prior Authorization.

Luzerne County Council hereby provides prior approval for the Luzerne County Manager to enter into multi-year utility supply contracts for electricity supply that are in accordance with the below described parameters.

Section 2. Authorization Timeline.

This authorization shall not be indefinite. This authorization shall be effective for a period of sixty (60) days after the Effective Date of this Resolution.

Section 3. Contract Maximum Length.

The maximum length of a utility supply contract the Luzerne County Manager may enter into under this Resolution shall be for a term not to exceed thirty-six (36) calendar months, plus no more than two (2) one-year renewals.

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Section 4. Contract Maximum Price.

The maximum annual price for utility supply contracts the County Manager is authorized to enter into shall be as follows:

a. Electricity Supply: \$65/MWh

Section 5. Effective Date.

The Effective Date of this Resolution shall be six (6) days after adoption, or when signed by the Luzerne County Manager, whichever is sooner.

ADOPTED by Luzerne County Council at a public meeting held on the 22nd day of January, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE (8-0)

YES: Haas, Houck, Kelleher, McGinley, Perry, Saidman, Schnee and Waitkus

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

Attest: Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager

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