

**RESOLUTION R-2022-69  
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 natural gas consumption; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County does currently have a contract for natural gas supply that is scheduled to expire in April 2022 and is seeking to enter into new contracts to avoid fluctuations in the natural gas supply market; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County desires to enter into new contracts, potentially multi-year contracts for natural gas 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 natural gas supply markets are extremely volatile in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council desires swift and decisive action in the natural gas 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 natural gas 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 County shall purchase the transportation portion of the natural gas contract for a forty-eight (48) month term with the understanding that UGI Energy Services and the County shall revisit the commodity portion each month to lock in the lowest possible rates for the County.

**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. Natural Gas Supply: \$3.95 per MMBTU or about \$75,000

**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.

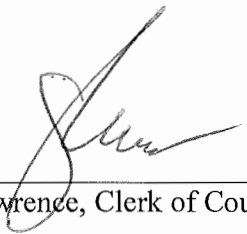
ADOPTED by Luzerne County Council at a public meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE (10-1)


YES: Bienias, Lescavage, Lombardo, McDermott, McGinley, Perry, Radle, Schnee, Thornton and Wolovich

NO: SJ Urban

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

Attest:   
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

By:   
Kendra Radle, Chair

By:   
Romilda P. Crocamo, Esq.  
Acting County Manager