

**RESOLUTION R-2015-138  
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 heat and energy; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County currently does not have contracts for heat and energy supply and is subject to fluctuations in the retail energy market; and

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

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council desires swift and decisive action in the natural gas and electricity markets 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 and energy 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.

**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. Electric Energy: \$65/MWh
- b. Natural Gas Heat: \$5.00/MMBtu

**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.

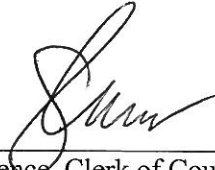
ADOPTED by Luzerne County Council at a public meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

ROLL CALL VOTE (10-0)

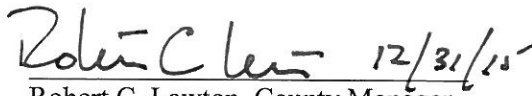
YES: Bobeck, Brominski, Haas, McGinley, Morelli, Sorokas, SA Urban, SJ Urban, Williams, and Houck

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

ATTEST:

  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

By:   
Linda McClosky Houck, Chair

 12/31/15  
Robert C. Lawton, County Manager