

Urging The Department Of Environmental Conservation To Grant An Extension Of 180 Days For The Belleayre Resort SEQR

Legislators R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Kraft, and Shapiro offer the following:

WHEREAS, on January 21 1997, the upstate watershed communities, environmental groups, federal and state agencies and the City of New York, signed a Memorandum of Agreement {MOA} to maintain and enhance the quality of the City's drinking water, while protecting the economic vitality and social character of the watershed communities, and

WHEREAS, the primary mission is to protect, manage, and maintain the water supply and distribution system for 9 million City and upstate residents. A daily average of 1.4 billion gallons of drinking water is fed through the system to regional consumers, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Protection must meet federal and state mandates for clean water, and

WHEREAS, the quality of drinking water supplied to the City and to Upstate communities depends primarily on the quality of the source. The source waters are vulnerable to degradation and contamination from various sources and activities, and

WHEREAS, an adequate supply of clean and healthful drinking water is vital to the health of the people of New York State, and

WHEREAS, concerned citizens at public hearings on the proposed Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park have repeatedly reported extreme difficulty in obtaining access and have sufficient time to review the projects approximately 3,500 page DEIS, and

WHEREAS, the DEP has applied to the DEC for an extension of 180 days in order to perform an adequate review of the Belleayre Resort project, and

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature does hereby support the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature concurs with the need to extend the review process and urges the DEC to grant an extension of 180 days.

Resolution No. 82 February 12, 2004

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader Martin Connor, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Minority Leader Charles Nesbitt, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, Daniel Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, and the New York State Association of Counties,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Maloney)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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