

Bill No. 9-14  
Concerning: Environmental Sustainability  
- Renewable Energy - County  
Purchase  
Revised: 4/22/2014 Draft No. 2  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Councilmember Berliner, Council Vice President Leventhal, and Councilmembers Floreen,  
Riemer, Andrews, and Navarro

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) require that at least 50% of the County's electric power usage be supplied with renewable energy by Fiscal Year 2015;
- (2) require that 100% of the County's electric power usage be supplied with renewable energy by Fiscal Year ~~[[2020]]~~ 2016; and
- (3) generally amend County law on environmental sustainability.

By adding

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 18A, Environmental Sustainability  
Section 18A-11A

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<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
<b>[Single boldface brackets]</b>	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
<b>[[Double boldface brackets]]</b>	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

1           **Sec. 1. Section 18A-11A is added as follows:**

2    **18A-11A. Renewable Energy.**

3           **(a) Purchase of renewable energy.**

4           **(1) The County Executive must assure that at least 50% of the**  
5           **County's total annual electric power usage will be supplied by**  
6           **renewable energy, beginning in Fiscal Year 2015.**

7           **(2) The County Executive must assure that 100% of the County's**  
8           **total annual electric power usage will be supplied by renewable**  
9           **energy, beginning in Fiscal Year ~~[[2020]] 2016.~~**

10          **(b) Criteria for renewable energy purchases. The renewable energy**  
11          **purchased under subsection (a) must:**

12          **(1) be generated from an energy source defined as a Tier 1 renewable**  
13          **source in Section 7-701 of the Public Utilities Article of the**  
14          **Maryland Code or any successor provision;**

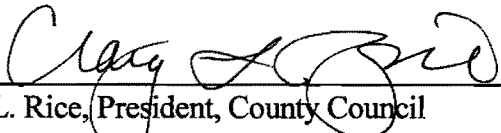
15          **(2) qualify as green power as defined by the United States**  
16          **Environmental Protection Agency;**

17          **(3) not be included in a supplier's renewable portfolio standard**  
18          **requirement for any year or supplant clean energy purchased to**  
19          **comply with either federal law or the law of states other than**  
20          **Maryland; and**

21          **(4) be registered and tracked in a regional tracking system.**

22          **(c) On-site clean energy generation. The County may satisfy the**  
23          **requirement of subsection (a) through on-site clean energy generation.**  
24          **The County must retain ownership of each on-site project's renewable**  
25          **energy certificates and must meet all other requirements of this Section.**  
26          **The County may exchange the renewable energy certificates for**  
27          **certificates from an alternate source that complies with this Section.**

28 *Approved:*

29  4/23/14  
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Craig L. Rice, President, County Council Date

30 *Approved:*

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

32 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date