

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

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

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>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<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**

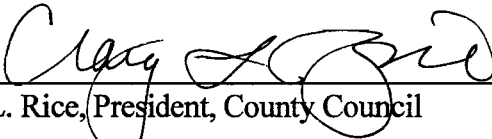
21 **(4) be registered and tracked in a regional tracking system.**

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

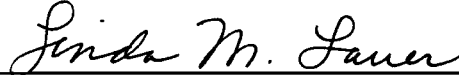
Craig L. Rice, President, County Council Date

30 *Approved:*

31  May 1, 2014

Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

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

33  5/2/14

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date