

RESOLUTION NO. 81 - 2024

RESOLVED, that this Board hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 209.141(4) of the Laws of Westchester County on Local Law Intro. No. 217 - 2024, entitled "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to exempt from taxation, in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, certain properties located in the Town of Cortlandt that comprised the former Indian Point Energy Center, and to enter into an agreement with Holtec Indian Point 2, LLC and Holtec Indian Point 3, LLC for payments in lieu of taxes for those properties." The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the 20th day of May, 2024 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, New York. The Clerk of the Board shall cause notice of the time and date of such hearing to be published at least once in one or more newspapers published in the County of Westchester and selected by the Clerk of the Board for that purpose in the manner and time required by law.

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Attorney wherein he requests that your Honorable Board adopt a local law that, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”) to, (1) exempt the Facility (as defined below) from real property taxes, special *ad valorem* levies, and special assessments imposed by the County and any County improvement district within the County, to the extent provided in Section 490 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, pursuant to Section 485 of the New York Real Property Tax Law (“Section 485”), for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2029, (the “Exemption”) and (2) enter into an agreement with Holtec Indian Point 2, LLC and Holtec Indian Point 3, LLC (collectively, “Holtec”), pursuant to which Holtec, as owner of the Facility, will make payments in lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) in accordance with the provisions of Section 485, for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2029 (the “PILOT Agreement”). Your Committee has been advised that the Exemption shall be contingent upon the execution of the PILOT Agreement and shall be effective only for the period during which the PILOT Agreement is in effect.

Your Committee has been advised that the “Facility” is defined as being comprised of the units and associated property and equipment covered by tax parcel numbers SBL # 43-10-2-1 (containing Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3, the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Facility, and the Generation Support Building); SBL # 43.10-2-2 (containing the Training Building), and SBL # 43.10-2-3 and # 43.14-2-1.1 (containing associated property and equipment).

Your Committee has been advised that the existing PILOT agreement with the County concerning the Facility expired on December 31, 2023. Your Committee has been advised that the County and the other taxing jurisdictions for the Facility—the Town of Cortlandt (the “Town”) and the Hendrick Hudson Central School District (the “School District”)—have been in negotiations with Holtec, for three years, regarding a new PILOT agreement, and have now come to an agreement.

Your Committee has been advised that the terms of the PILOT Agreement are reflected in the attached draft agreement. Your Committee has been advised that it should be noted that the County, the Town, and the School District obtained an appraisal for the Facility, and that appraisal was the starting point for the valuation for the negotiated PILOT Agreement. Your Committee has been advised that the appraisal was done by Federal Appraisal LLC. Your Committee has been advised that the appraisal valued the Facility at \$298 million based in large part on the fact spent nuclear fuel is being stored on site in dry cask storage facilities. Your Committee has been advised that, following extended negotiations, the parties reached agreement on the gross amount of the PILOT: \$28,241,757. Your Committee has been advised that the County, Town, and School District negotiated an agreed allocation of the gross amount of the PILOT among themselves.

Your Committee has been advised that the proposed local law also provides that the Clerk of the Board shall make all filings concerning the Exemption and the PILOT Agreement that are required by Section 485.

Your Committee has been advised that, under Section 209.141(4) of the Laws of Westchester County, every local law shall be presented in writing and introduced at a meeting of your Honorable Board. Your Committee has been advised that your Honorable Board shall thereupon fix a day for a public hearing thereon before it, not less than five days thereafter, and direct the Clerk of the Board to cause notice of the time and place of such hearing to be published forthwith at least once in one or more newspapers selected by the Clerk of the Board for that purpose and published in the County. Therefore, the County Attorney requests that your Honorable Board review and approve a resolution that will set the time and date for the required public hearing regarding the proposed local law.

Your Committee has been advised that, under subsection 4 of Section 485, before an agreement for payments in lieu of taxes is executed by a taxing district, the taxing district must hold a public hearing on the proposed agreement. Therefore, the County Attorney requests that your Honorable Board review and approve a resolution that will set the time and date for the required public hearing regarding the PILOT Agreement.

According to the memorandum from the Planning Department, dated January 8, 2024, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board, with respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the proposed local law does not constitute an action as defined in section 617.2(b) of 6 NYCRR Part 617. As such, no environmental review is required. Your Committee concurs with the Planning Department's conclusion.

Your Committee has been advised that the adoption of the proposed local law requires an

affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of your Honorable Board.

After due consideration, your Committee recommends adoption of the proposed local law.

Dated: April 22, 2024
White Plains, New York

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Budget & Appropriations

COMMITTEE ON

Dated: April 22, 2024
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Margaret A. Cunzio

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COMMITTEE ON

Legislation

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Indian Point PILOT

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \$ -

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 1,060,000

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations

Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 101-52-1000-9734

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount _____

Describe: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount \$748,284

Describe: Legislation for payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from Holtec, decommissioning

agent for Indian Point. Year 1 - \$1,060,000 and Years 2 - 6 - \$748,284, annually.

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: _____

Next Four Years: _____

Prepared by: Christina Rampata

Title: Deputy Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: April 1, 2024

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 4/1/24

LOCAL LAW NO. _____ - 2024

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BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to, (1) exempt the Facility (as defined below) from real property taxes, special *ad valorem* levies, and special assessments imposed by the County and any County improvement district within the County, to the extent provided in Section 490 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, pursuant to Section 485 of the New York Real Property Tax Law (“Section 485”), for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2029, (the “Exemption”) and (2) enter into an agreement with Holtec Indian Point 2, LLC and Holtec Indian Point 3, LLC (collectively, “Holtec”), pursuant to which Holtec, as owner of the Facility, will make payments in lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) in accordance with the provisions of Section 485, for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2029 (the “PILOT Agreement”). The Exemption shall be contingent upon the execution of the PILOT Agreement and shall be effective only for the period during which the PILOT Agreement is in effect.

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§ 3. The Clerk of the Board shall make all filings concerning the Exemption and the PILOT Agreement that are required by Section 485.

§ 4. The County Attorney, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such actions and to execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes hereof.

§ 5. This local law shall take effect immediately.