

1 **2025 NYSAC Legislative Conference**  
2 **Standing Committee on Climate Action, Energy & Environment**  
3 **Resolution #6**

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5 **Resolution Calling for Open Access to Community Energy Data to Support**  
6 **Local Climate Action and Market Innovation**

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Climate Action Council’s Final Scoping Plan calls for developing a  
9 statewide dashboard of community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventories to  
10 promote local climate action planning, monitor equity considerations, measure  
11 progress, and ensure data consistency at the county and municipal levels; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, utility data on energy use and consumption within municipal boundaries,  
14 presented in aggregated and anonymized form, is critical for local climate action  
15 planning and greenhouse gas inventories; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Public Service Commission (PSC) established the Integrated Energy  
18 Data Resource (IEDR) program to provide public access to aggregated and anonymized  
19 energy-related information from regulated utilities on a statewide data platform; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the IEDR, as an open-source platform, was intended to empower the  
22 market by facilitating broad access to data that could be used by local and county  
23 governments, universities, businesses, policymakers, students, and other stakeholders  
24 to develop innovative studies, tools, applications, and research tracking energy use and  
25 consumption, GHG emissions, and adoption of clean energy technologies; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, the Public Service Commission has recently moved to vest ownership of  
28 this platform in a private equity contractor, with privileged rights to data and public  
29 funding to build and own all use cases it serves; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, this structure prevents local governments and other stakeholders from  
32 accessing the same data to develop open-source products and tools that can be used to  
33 benefit communities and advance local climate goals; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, requiring communities to pay a private company for access to public  
36 energy data does not serve the public interest, creates an unnecessary barrier to climate  
37 action, and stifles innovation.

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39 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State Association of  
40 Counties (NYSAC) calls on the Public Service Commission to restructure the IEDR  
41 program to ensure broad, non-discriminatory access to anonymized energy data; and

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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC opposes granting any private entity  
44 exclusive intellectual property rights over public energy data and analytics that should  
45 be accessible to advance local climate initiatives and foster market innovation; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC urges the State to invest in technical  
2 assistance and support to help local governments effectively utilize energy data for  
3 climate planning, consistent with the Scoping Plan, rather than restricting data access  
4 through exclusive private control; and

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6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the counties of  
7 New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to  
10 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, the Chair and CEO of the PSC,  
11 and all others deemed necessary and proper.