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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JAMES CITY COUNTY
VIRGINIA

ORDINANCE NO. 195

APPROVING JOINT POWERS ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

- WHEREAS, the VML/VACo Virginia Power Steering Committee (the "Committee"), composed of representatives of James City County, the James City Service Authority and other local governments and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, has for over several decades negotiated on behalf of such governmental units a standard form contract for their purchase of electricity supply and delivery service from Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power") as a sole source provider; and
- WHEREAS, political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia are authorized under Virginia law to exercise jointly powers that they otherwise are authorized to exercise independently, and the terms and conditions of such authorization are currently set forth in Sections 15.2-1300, et seq. of the Virginia Code (the "Joint Powers Act"); and
- WHEREAS, the Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act (the "Restructuring Act") further authorizes municipalities and other political subdivisions in the Commonwealth to aggregate their electricity supply requirements for the purpose of their joint purchase of such requirements from licensed suppliers, and the Restructuring Act provides that such aggregation shall not require licensure; and
- WHEREAS, the Virginia Public Procurement Act (the "Procurement Act") exempts from its competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation requirements (the "Requirements") the joint procurement by public bodies, utilizing competitive principles of electric utility services purchased through member associations under the conditions set forth in the Procurement Act; and
- WHEREAS, the Committee recommends that the aggregation and procurement of electric supply, electric delivery, and other energy-related services ("Energy Services") be effectuated as provided in the Joint Powers Association Agreement, a copy of which is attached to and make part of this Ordinance (the "Joint Powers Agreement"), in accordance with applicable provisions of the Procurement Act, such as the utilization of competitive principles pursuant to an exemption from the Requirements; and
- WHEREAS, the Committee also recommends that the other services provided by the Committee to its members be effectuated as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement, with such services consisting of: (i) assistance in implementing standard form contracts for the purchase of services from incumbent electricity utilities; (ii) education of members regarding electricity procurement issues; (iii) monitoring of legal and regulatory developments affecting the provision of electricity service to local governments; and (iv) hiring of consultants and legal counsel to assist in its provisions of the foregoing services ("Steering Committee Services"); and
- WHEREAS, it appearing to the Board of Supervisors of James City County that the joint procurement of the Energy Services pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement and the provision of the Steering Committee Services pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement is otherwise in the best interests of James City County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

- (1) The procedures allowed under the Procurement Act for the joint procurement by public bodies, utilizing competitive principles, of electric utility services purchased through member organizations are acceptable in that they must be flexible enough to respond to quickly changing market conditions in which energy prices can fluctuate considerably on a daily or even hourly basis.
- (2) The aggregation and joint procurement of the Energy Services pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement is hereby approved.
- (3) The provision of Steering Committee Services pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement is hereby approved.
- (4) The Joint Powers Agreement and the performance of the terms and conditions thereof on behalf of James City County are hereby authorized and approved.
- (5) The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of James City County in substantially the form presented to this meeting.
- The payment obligations of James City County pursuant to the provisions hereof and (6)the Joint Powers Agreement shall be subject to the annual approval of funds therefore in its budget by the Board of Supervisors.

(7) This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 26th day of March, 2002.

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