

RESOLUTION NO. 217

**TITLE: SUPPORT FOR THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL GENERIC
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the economic well being of Delaware County is a high priority for the residents of Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County is now and in the near future will be facing very challenging economic times in which county services and businesses could face substantial contraction; and

WHEREAS, natural gas drilling presents an economic opportunity with immense potential for retaining existing businesses, development of new businesses with the associated employment opportunities while contributing significantly to national goals of a cleaner environment and energy independence; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County requested that New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) not adopt any special regulations or policies which limit or discriminate against regulated natural gas mining in Delaware County in a manner different from the restrictions that apply state-wide; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County supports drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale on the condition that the Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement thoroughly addresses environmental concerns with sound science along with the regulatory safeguards to minimize the risk of pollution, local concerns regarding the protection of infrastructure and water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman has directed the appropriate county departments to review the Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement to assure the aforementioned concerns are addressed.

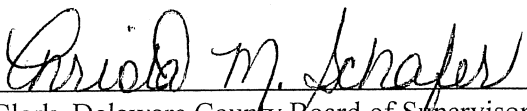
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Delaware County Board of Supervisors supports the Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement based on the above conditions and requests that NYSDEC move forward with the completion of a Final Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor David Paterson, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, Congressman Scott Murphy, Senator John Bonacic, Assemblymen Clifford Crouch, Assemblyman Peter Lopez, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Peter Grannis, Bureau of Oil and Gas Regulation, Division of Mineral Resources Director Bradley Field, New York State

State of New York
County of Delaware

I, Christa M. Schafer, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Delaware County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on the 9th day of December 2009 and the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Board at Delhi, New York, this 9th day of December 2009.


Clerk, Delaware County Board of Supervisors