

ORDINANCE 2768

**AN ORDINANCE
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NEW POWER SALES CONTRACT
AND A NEW CAPACITY PURCHASE AGREEMENT
WITH THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC IMEA
FOR THE DELIVERY PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2035**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Electric IMEA (“IMEA”) is a body politic and corporate, municipal corporation, and unit of local government of the State of Illinois, organized under the Illinois Joint Municipal Electric Power Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-119.1-1 et seq. (the “Act”) as a municipal power IMEA, and it provides electric power and energy, and related services to its member municipalities that own and operate their own municipal electric utility and electric distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, the IMEA was created as a means to achieve economy, adequacy, and reliability in the supply of electric power and energy by planning, financing, owning, and operating facilities for the generation and transmission of electric power and energy, and related facilities or other facilities necessary or convenient for the planning and operation of a system for the production and transmission of electric power and energy, thus making it possible for its member municipalities to achieve economies and efficiencies not possible for municipalities acting alone; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rantoul is a municipality owning and operating a municipal electric utility and electric distribution system, which furnishes retail electric service to the public in its service area, and the Village is a member of the IMEA; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul, and the Board of Directors of the IMEA have previously approved, and the Village and the IMEA have heretofore entered into a long-term Power Sales Contract, as amended, pursuant to which the IMEA provides, and the Village purchases the full requirements of power and energy needed to meet the load obligations of the Village’s municipal electric utility and electric distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the existing Power Sales Contract, as amended, is set to expire on September 30, 2035; and

WHEREAS, under the Power Sales Contract, as amended, the IMEA has full responsibility for planning and obtaining an adequate supply of power and energy for the Village, and other IMEA members; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul and the Board of Directors of the IMEA have previously approved, and the Village and the IMEA have heretofore entered into a Capacity Purchase Agreement, as amended, pursuant to which the Village has dedicated the behind the meter generating resources owned and operated by the Village to the IMEA’s control and use; and

WHEREAS, the existing Capacity Purchase Agreement, as amended, is tied to and matches the term of the existing Power Sales Contract, as amended, through September 30, 2035; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its obligation under the Power Sales Contracts, the IMEA plans for, and takes all necessary steps to ensure a resource portfolio to meet the long- and short-term power and energy needs of the Village and other members (“Participating Members”), including participation in, and ownership of baseload generating resources, ownership of and Capacity Purchase Agreements with Participating Members that own behind the meter generating resources, entering into long and short term bilateral contracts with power suppliers for the purchase of capacity, and energy from new and existing thermal, renewable, and non-carbon generating resources, and participation in and purchases of capacity and energy from markets maintained by the Regional Transmission Organizations that control the regions where the Participating Members are located; and

WHEREAS, the electric industry in Illinois is undergoing a transition away from traditional thermal resources in favor of renewable and non-carbon generating resources; the Illinois General Assembly has passed new laws encouraging the development of renewable and non-carbon generating resources, and restricting emissions from thermal resources; and traditional thermal generating resources have been retired, or will be retiring due to age and emissions restrictions; and

WHEREAS, in light of this changing environment, the resource portfolio to meet the needs of the Village and other IMEA Participating Members will likely be primarily through contracting for capacity, and energy from new renewable and non-carbon generating resources; developers of new renewable and non-carbon generating resources require long-term commitments for the purchaser of the output from these projects in order to finance and build such resources; typical financing by developers is currently for 20 to 25 years; in the short-term if developers are willing to contract for the shorter period that the IMEA has remaining on its existing Power Sales Contracts, the pricing will necessarily be higher to allow the developer to finance the project, and be assured of collecting its development and operational costs over the shorter period; in the long-term, if the IMEA waits to begin supplementing its resource portfolio, it is anticipated that the cost of construction of new projects will increase making even full 20 to 25-year power supply contracts more costly; and

WHEREAS, in order to plan for, and ensure that resources are in place to continue to meet the long- and short-term power and energy needs of its Participating Members, including the Village, and to continue providing reliable, affordable, and sustainable power now and in the future, the IMEA needs to provide for the continued contractual relationships with the Participating Members beyond September 30, 2035; without a firm commitment from Participating Members beyond September 30, 2035, the IMEA will not be able to continue to ensure that resources are in place at favorable prices; and

WHEREAS, the IMEA must also provide for the continued availability of the existing and future behind the meter generating resources owned and operated by its Participating Members as part of its resource portfolio beyond September 30, 2035; and

WHEREAS, the IMEA Staff, with the input of a working group consisting of members of its Board of Directors, has developed the form of a new Power Sales Contract, and a new Capacity Purchase Agreement, commencing immediately upon the expiration of the existing agreements, the form of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of this Ordinance by the Village of Rantoul, the Village and the IMEA are agreeing to the continuation of the full requirements power supply relationship between the Village and the IMEA, and to the form and terms and conditions of the new Power Sales Contract, and new Capacity Purchase Agreement with Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the delivery period commencing on October 1, 2035; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing facts, the Village by this Ordinance hereby finds and determines to accept and approve the new Power Sales Contract, and the new Capacity Purchase Agreement with Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the delivery period commencing on October 1, 2035.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. The findings and determinations set forth in the preambles to this Ordinance are hereby made findings, and determinations of the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul, and are incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul hereby accepts and approves the new Power Sales Contract with Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the delivery period commencing on October 1, 2035, which commencement date is immediately upon expiration of the existing Power Sales Contract with Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, as amended, in the form presented, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions thereof. A copy of such new Power Sales Contract is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 3. The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul hereby accepts and approves the new Capacity Purchase Agreement with Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the delivery period commencing on October 1, 2035, which commencement date is immediately upon expiration of the existing Capacity Purchase Agreement with Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, as amended, in the form presented, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions thereof. A copy of such new Capacity Purchase Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit B, and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 4. By this Ordinance, the Village President of the Village of Rantoul is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest and seal a new Power Sales Contract, substantially in the form of Exhibit A, and a new Capacity Purchase Agreement, substantially in the form of Exhibit B.

Section 5. By this Ordinance, the Village President of the Village of Rantoul is hereby further authorized to take all steps, and execute any and all other documents and agreements reasonably

necessary or appropriate, to implement and administer the new Power Sales Contract and the new Capacity Purchase Agreement approved hereby.

Section 6. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby superseded.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

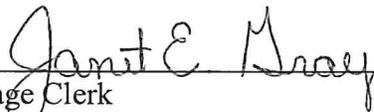
This Ordinance is hereby passed, the “ayes” and “nays” being called, by the concurrence of a majority of the Corporate Authorities then holding office at a regular meeting on the date set forth below upon a roll call vote as follows:

“Ayes” Trustee Regina Crider, Trustee Samuel Hall III, Trustee Donald Robertson,
Trustee Irene Weathersby, Trustee Gary Wilson, Trustee Terry Workman

“Nays” None

“Absent” None

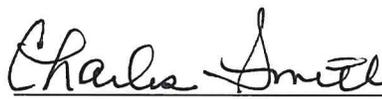
PASSED this 9th day of April, 2024.



Village Clerk

APPROVED this 9th day of April, 2024.





Village President