

ORDINANCE NO. 2490

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, ILLINOIS
APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN SOLAR ENERGY RESOURCE PROJECT
AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A
GENERATION SITING AND OPERATING AGREEMENT
WITH THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (“*IMEA*”) is organized under the Illinois Joint Municipal Electric Power Act, 65 ILCS 5/11-119.1-1 *et seq.* as a municipal power agency, and it provides electric power and related services to its member municipalities that own and operate their own municipal electric distribution systems and other eligible utilities as defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Rantoul, Illinois is a Member of IMEA and presently purchases the full requirements of electric power and energy for its electric system from IMEA pursuant to a Power Sales Contract, dated June 1, 1990, as amended, which has a term through September 30, 2035; and

WHEREAS, public policy in the country as it relates to the electricity industry is placing great pressure on load serving entities to meet larger portions of their electricity needs with carbon-free renewable generation resources and energy efficiency, including existing and proposed State and Federal legislation and regulations mandating or proposing to mandate minimum renewable resource and energy efficiency standards, and including the EPA’s latest proposed rules that would require reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, commonly referred to as the Clean Power Plan; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its obligations under the Power Sales Contracts with its Members and to further the national goals and policies of acquiring power supply from carbon-free, renewable resources, IMEA has adopted a solar energy resource program pursuant to which it will sponsor one or more solar generation projects to be located on sites within and to be interconnected with the municipal electric distribution systems of one or more of its Members; and

WHEREAS, IMEA requested and received bids from its Members, including the Village, to host a solar project under the program and to provide a site for installation of a photovoltaic solar generation facility to be interconnected with the selected Member’s distribution system and to provide the electricity therefrom to serve the citizens and businesses of the Member; and

WHEREAS, the Village identified and offered and IMEA selected a location on the former Chanute Air Force Base as the site for placement of a solar project, and Village Staff with the assistance of Special Legal Counsel has negotiated the Generation Siting and Operating Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees (the “**Corporate Authorities**”) of the Village of Rantoul has determined that it is necessary, desirable and in the best interest of the Village to approve participation in the solar energy resource project and to authorize the execution and delivery of the Generation Siting and Operating Agreement, as well as the Easement referenced therein and any other agreement or document reasonable required to effect the participation in the project.

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

Section 1. The findings and determinations set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are hereby made findings and determinations of the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Rantoul and incorporated into the text of this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. The Corporate Authorities hereby approves the participation by the Village in the solar energy resource project referenced in the Preamble as the host of the solar project and the use of the specified land that is owned or controlled by the Village as the site for installation of a photovoltaic solar generation facility to be interconnected with the Village’s electric distribution system and to provide the electricity therefrom to serve the citizens and businesses of the Village.

Section 3. The Village President is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver and the Village Clerk shall attest, pursuant to this Ordinance, the Generation Siting and Operating Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and the granting document with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency.

Section 4. The Village President is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and to the extent necessary the Village Clerk shall attest, pursuant to this Ordinance, any and all other agreements, instruments or documents reasonably required in connection with the execution and implementation of the Generation Siting and Operating Agreement and Easement.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 19th day of July, 2016.



Village Clerk

APPROVED this 19th day of July, 2016.



Village President

