AGENDA ITEM #4H
January 21, 2014
Introduction

MEMORANDUM

TO: County Council

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SUBJECT: **Introduction:** Bill 9-14, Environmental Sustainability – Renewable Energy – County Purchase

Bill 9-14, Environmental Sustainability – Renewable Energy – County Purchase, sponsored by Councilmember Berliner, Council Vice President Leventhal, and Councilmembers Floreen, Riemer and Andrews, is scheduled to be introduced on January 21, 2014. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 11, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Bill 9-14 would require that 50% of the County's electric power usage be supplied with renewable energy by Fiscal Year 2015 and 100% by 2020.

Councilmember Berliner explained the purpose of this Bill in his January 14 memorandum describing his proposed energy/environmental package. See ©20 of Bill 2-14, Agenda Item 4A.

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Bill No. 9-14
Concerning: Environmental Sustainability – Renewable Energy – County Purchase
Revised: 1/9/2014 Draft No. 1
Introduced: January 21, 2014
Expires: July 21, 2015
Enacted: _____
Executive: _____
Effective: _____
Sunset Date: None
Ch. _____, Laws of Mont. Co. _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmember Berliner, Council Vice President Leventhal, and Councilmembers Floreen, Riemer, and Andrews

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AN ACT to:

(1) require that at least 50% of the County's electric power usage be supplied with renewable energy by Fiscal Year 2015;
(2) require that 100% of the County's electric power usage be supplied with renewable energy by Fiscal year 2020; and
(3) generally amend County law on environmental sustainability.

By adding
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 18A, Environmental Sustainability
Section 18A-11A

Boldface	*Heading or defined term.*
Underlining	*Added to existing law by original bill.*
[Single boldface brackets]	*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*
Double underlining	*Added by amendment.*
[[Double boldface brackets]]	*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*
* * *	*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Section 18A-11A is added as follows:

18A-11A. Renewable Energy.

(a) *Purchase of renewable energy.*

(1) The County Executive must assure that at least 50% of the County's total annual electric power usage will be supplied by renewable energy, beginning in Fiscal Year 2015.

(2) The County Executive must assure that 100% of the County's total annual electric power usage will be supplied by renewable energy, beginning in Fiscal Year 2020.

(b) *Criteria for renewable energy purchases.* The renewable energy purchased under subsection (a) must:

(1) be generated from an energy source defined as a Tier 1 renewable source in Section 7-701 of the Public Utilities Article of the Maryland Code or any successor provision;

(2) qualify as green power as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency;

(3) not be included in a supplier's renewable portfolio standard requirement for any year or supplant clean energy purchased to comply with either federal law or the law of states other than Maryland; and

(4) be registered and tracked in a regional tracking system.

(c) *On-site clean energy generation.* The County may satisfy the requirement of subsection (a) through on-site clean energy generation. The County must retain ownership of each on-site project's renewable energy certificates and must meet all other requirements of this Section. The County may exchange the renewable energy certificates for certificates from an alternate source that complies with this Section.

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

Bill 9-14
Environmental Sustainability – Renewable Energy – County Purchase

DESCRIPTION:	Would require 50% of the County's electric power usage be supplied with renewable energy by Fiscal Year 2015 and 100% by 2020.
PROBLEM:	The County has low standards for the use of renewable electric supplies.
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:	To eventually make the County's power supply entirely from renewable sources.
COORDINATION:	Department of General Services, Office of Management and Budget, Department of Environmental Protection
FISCAL IMPACT:	To be requested.
ECONOMIC IMPACT:	To be requested.
EVALUATION:	To be requested.
EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE:	To be researched.
SOURCE OF INFORMATION:	Amanda Mihill, 240-777-7815
APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES:	To be researched.
PENALTIES:	Not applicable.

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