



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Town Files Lawsuit on Behalf of Residents Against Electricity Supplier**

The Town of Brighton and the Town's CCA Administrator, Joule Assets, filed a lawsuit in Monroe County Supreme Court on Monday, December 19, against Icon Energy, LLC which operated under the name of "Source Power" to supply renewable electric power to Brighton residents as part of the Town's Community Choice Aggregation Program ("CCA"). Source Power contracted with the Town to provide low cost fixed renewable electric power supply to Brighton residents under CCA through December 2022. Source Power abruptly stopped providing all electric power supply to Brighton residents on June 15, 2022, and thousands of Brighton households were thereafter forced to pay the much higher price being charged by Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation ("RGE") for electricity.

"While participating residents saved some \$1.2 million while the program was live, Source Power's breach of contract has cost Brighton residents over a million dollars in excess electric supply charges in just the last six months," said Brighton Town Supervisor William Moehle. Moreover, while investigating the breach of contract in concert with the Town's CCA Administrator Joule Assets, the Town also discovered that Source Power failed to timely file properly with the State of New York the documentation needed to qualify the electric power supply as renewable energy. "Source Power misled the Town and its residents about the 'renewable' nature of the electric power it supplied. We now know that the power supply has not been qualified by the State as renewable, despite the fact that Source had a contractual obligation to supply renewable power to Brighton residents in the CCA," said Supervisor Moehle.

CCA programs allow municipalities in the State of New York to make available to its residents renewable electricity at fixed affordable prices. "As a leading community in sustainability, it has been a priority for the Town and its residents to access renewable power, and CCA gave us the opportunity to get renewable power for our Town residents at a fixed price substantially less than what RGE charges for a regular mix of power," Supervisor Moehle explained. There are two benefits to the community: 1) getting access to renewable electricity and 2) paying a fixed low price for electricity. Source Power's breach of its promises destroyed both of these benefits to Town residents.

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