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**Resolution No. 004-2011**

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**Resolution to Appropriate Funds from TCCOG Reserve Fund for a Public Hearing on the Revised Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement**

Moved by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Dietrich, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation revised the draft supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (sGEIS) for well permit issuance for horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus Shale and other low-permeability gas reservoirs and released the new version in total in September 2011,

WHEREAS municipalities and organizers within Tompkins County hosted an additional public hearing beyond those hosted by the DEC in 2009 contributing to nearly 13,000 comments submitted in response to the 2009 draft, and

WHEREAS the new public comment period will end on December 12, 2011 giving residents, municipalities and organizations within Tompkins County a compressed period of time to submit comments, and

WHEREAS no public hearings are scheduled by the DEC to be in or near Tompkins County making it more difficult for residents to air their thoughts or concerns about the 2011 sGEIS (supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement), and

WHEREAS hosting a public hearing locally requires funding to cover rental of space, equipment and a stenographer, none of which will be covered by the DEC, and

WHEREAS the public hearings organize by the DEC will likely be held in November, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County Council of Governments will contribute \$1,000 of funding to cover expenses of hosting a public hearing addressing the revised supplemental sGEIS.

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