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Verizon data center project to benefit from 25 megawatts of low-cost hydropower

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Senator George Maziarz (R-C, Newfane) today announced that that Verizon has been awarded a low-cost hydropower power allocation of 25 megawatts as an incentive to construct a multi-billion dollar data center in the Town of Somerset.

“This Verizon project promises to bring massive capital investment and job creation to Western New York,” said Senator Maziarz, who attended today’s meeting of the New York Power Authority Trustee’s meeting at the Niagara Power Project. “More than 500 construction jobs, close to 200 permanent, high tech jobs with impressive salaries—that’s the kind of economic development we desperately need in our region. We are one step closer to landing this project, and we need to continue working hard to put all of the pieces together.”

Senator Maziarz has been in close talks with Verizon officials and local government and economic development officials as he strives to move this project forward. Senator Maziarz, who is Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee, also noted that he has been a leader in blocking the passage of state legislation (S.7263-C) opposed by Verizon that would negatively impact the company’s ability to do business in New York State.

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