

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR Thomas F. O'Mara

Gunlocke Company in Steuben County awarded a ReCharge New York economic development power allocation: O'Mara says RNY program gives local companies economic stability

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Albany, N.Y., March 22—State Senator Tom O'Mara (R-C, Big Flats), a member of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee, said today that the Gunlocke Company in

Wayland (Steuben County) is one of 12 state businesses that will share a total of 6.45 megawatts (MW) of lower-cost economic development power as part of the latest round of allocations under the ReCharge New York (RNY) program.

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The Gunlocke Company LLC is being awarded an RNY allocation of 1,680 kilowatts (kW) that is estimated to help the company retain 600 jobs, create 75 jobs and generate \$2.63 million in new capital investment.

RNY, a major statewide initiative for retaining and creating jobs and spurring capital investments, was approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2011. O'Mara co-sponsored and strongly supported the program's creation. The program is currently reducing costs for approximately 750 businesses and not-for-profit organizations statewide.

The latest allocations will support more than 1,300 jobs and produce more than \$29 million in new capital investment throughout the state.