



A BREAKDOWN OF THE ARTICLE 10 PERMITTING PROCESS

On behalf of High Bridge Wind, LLC ("High Bridge Wind"), I would like to explain the Article 10 process, the process we are following to responsibly design and develop the High Bridge Wind Project (the "Project"). New York State requires that major electric generation facilities, including wind farms, undergo a rigorous state permitting process, called Article 10, prior to construction and operation. High Bridge Wind is developing the Project in the Town of Guilford and we are currently working towards filing the Article 10 Application for the Project.

PROCESS FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

One of the major components of Article 10 is a public involvement process. Applicants must develop a Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan that educates, informs, and involves the public throughout the Article 10 process, starting at an early stage. As part of the PIP, High Bridge Wind held open house meetings at the Guilford Town Hall on August 22, 2018 and November 28, 2018. These meetings were open to the public and provided opportunities for community members to ask questions about the Project and directly interact with Project representatives. Notification of these meetings was published in the Evening Sun and provided via mailing to residents within the Facility Area.

High Bridge Wind filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) on January 24, 2019. This document provides a description of the proposed Project, details the studies that will be performed to evaluate potential impacts, and outlines the steps that may be taken to avoid and minimize impacts. Hard copies of the PSS are

INTERVENOR FUNDING

In addition to filing the PSS, we submitted \$35,000 to be used for intervenor funding. These funds can be applied for by intervenors—qualified locally-affected parties—to offset certain expenses they incur in participating in the first part of the Article 10 process, called the pre-Application phase. Requests for these funds are due March 18, 2019. The presiding examiners will discuss any requests with those seeking intervenor funding at the March 20, 2019 preliminary conference,

NEXT STEPS

The next steps in the Article 10 process include: the March 20, 2019 Pre-Application Procedural Conference, during which the presiding examiner will discuss intervenor funding and potentially make funding awards, and will authorize the parties to initiate the stipulations process; the filing of proposed stipulations—agreements on the scope and methodology of studies—for public review and comment; the filing of the Article 10 Application with the Siting Board (the Application will be made available to the general public, online and at local libraries and Town Halls); Public Statement Hearings and a Post-Application Procedural Conference to award intervenor funding; and an adjudicatory

WE SEEK TO BE A LONG-TERM COMMUNITY PARTNER

In addition to working diligently to appropriately involve and consult with stakeholders throughout the Article 10 process, we are also working hard to be a good community steward. We look to partner with communities in Chenango County for the long-term, through community involvement and sponsorships. It's very important to us to be a good neighbor for the life of the Project and to put our money where our mouth is. Strong communities are built through hard work and real investment. Our end goal is to build collaborative relationships with the local community that enable us to promote economic prosperity and build safe, environmentally responsible infrastructure.

Article 10 condenses the State and local permitting processes into a single, unified proceeding, which is overseen by the Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, also known as the Siting Board. The Siting Board consists of five permanent members and two project-specific local ad hoc members who are appointed specifically to provide a local voice in each proceeding. The New York State Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the New York State Assembly each appoint one ad hoc member from a list of candidates submitted by the Town of Guilford and Chenango County.

available for public review at local libraries (Guernsey Memorial Library in Norwich; Oxford Memorial Library; Gilbertsville Free Library) and the Guilford Town Hall. We also made the PSS publicly available by posting it on the Project website (www.calpine.com/highbridgewind) and on the Siting Board's website.

Once the PSS was filed, there was a 21-day comment period during which the public provided comments or other input on the PSS. To inform the public of this process, High Bridge Wind published advertisements in the Evening Sun and Pennysaver and mailed letters to residents within and adjacent to the Facility Area. During the comment period for the PSS, High Bridge Wind received feedback from the community asking for additional time to comment. In response, we asked for a 10-day extension, which was granted, and the comment period was extended to February 28. High Bridge Wind is currently working on responses to the comments received on the PSS.

to be held at the Guilford Town Hall at 12:30 pm, and then award the funding.

When High Bridge's Application is submitted, an additional amount of intervenor funding will be made available for parties to participate in the Application and Hearings phases of the Article 10 process. The examiners will set a deadline for parties to request money from that second round of funding and will hold another conference in the Guilford area to discuss requests and award funds.

process. At the conclusion of the adjudicatory process, a decision will be made by the Siting Board whether to issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. The Siting Board must make its decision within 12 months of receiving a complete Article 10 Application. When making its decision, the Siting Board will consider impacts to: statewide electrical capacity and energy policies; ecology, air, ground and surface water, and wildlife and wildlife habitat; public health and safety; cultural, historical, and recreational resources; transportation, communications, and utilities.

We hope that providing more clarity around the process in which we are participating is helpful. For questions pertaining to the High Bridge Wind Project, please call 866-896-0508 or email the Calpine Team calpinewind.northeast@calpine.com.

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