

Attachment B. Public Release of Bid Facility Information and Community Engagement Plan

Proposers can refer to Section 4.3.8 of RESRFP25-1 for full guidance on submitting the information requested here. All Proposers must provide a complete Attachment B. Proposers are advised to not report any confidential information.

Bid Facility Information	
Bid Facility Name:	Chateaugay Windpark
Proposer:	Valcour Chateaugay Windpark, LLC
Technology:	Wind
Proposed Nameplate Capacity (Megawatts AC):	121.5 MW
Interconnection Queue Number:	Queue/ID Number: 0214.
Interconnecting Utility:	New York Power Authority (NYPA)
NYS PSC Article 10/ORES Case Number (if applicable):	Matter No. 23-03031
Bid Facility Website (if applicable):	https://www.aes.com/energy-projects/chateaugay-wind
Proposed In-Service Date:	12/31/2029

General Description of the project. (250 words or more)

Chateaugay Windpark (“Bid Facility”) is an existing 106.5 MW, 71-turbine wind facility, constructed in 2009 by Noble Environmental Power. The Bid Facility, part of a six-Windpark portfolio, was acquired by AES (Proposer) from Cogentrix in November 2021, with the intention of pursuing a full repower. The Bid Facility has been in operation for 16 years; therefore, it is nearing the end of its life. A full repower will entail decommissioning and replacing all existing turbines in the Bid Facility, thus resulting in an extended life of up to 30 years and continuation of the economic benefits associated with the Bid Facility. The repower will also utilize new, more efficient technology, resulting in increased energy production.

This Bid Facility reduces carbon dioxide emissions by an estimated 112,000 tons each year, producing enough electricity to power approximately 19,000 homes annually. Repowering will ensure continued, significant economic benefits to the local community via Host Community Agreements (HCA) and Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements in the Town of Chateaugay and Franklin County.

The Proposer began conducting community engagement activities during the pre-award and development phase of the repower in November 2021 and will continue public involvement activities throughout the development, construction, and post-repower operations phases. To date, the Proposer has hosted two community engagement events for the Bid Facility: two community meetings, one in December of 2022 and one in January of 2025.

The Proposer’s office serving the Clinton, Ellenburg, Chateaugay, and Altona Bid Facilities is located in Churubusco, NY, where 28 full-time staff are employed. Positions include but are not limited to Wind turbine technicians, Health & Safety Technical Services, Engineering, Field Services, Planner/Scheduler, Strategic Sourcing, and Operations & Maintenance.

Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) Information					
County(ies):	Franklin County				
City/Town/Village(s):	Town of Chateaugay				
Taxing School District(s):	Chateaugay Central School District				
Located in Agricultural District? (Yes/No)	Yes, a portion of the Bid Facility's site is located in agricultural district 1				
Local Elected Official Name(s), Contact Information, and Tenure:	Name	Title and Office	Elected/ Appointed	Tenure	Contact
	Don Bilow	Town Supervisor	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	(518) 497-3126 Dbilow1@gmail.com
	Phyllis Lemay	Town Clerk	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	(518) 497 - 6931
	Lori Rowe	Director of Finance	Appointed	1 year (2024-2025)	(518) 497-6931 ext. 6
	Jim Dumont	Code Enforcement	Appointed	2024-2025 (1 year)	(518) 483 - 6130
	Robert Ball	Assessor	Appointed	2025-2031 (6 years)	(518) 497 – 6931
	Marie A. Cook	Town Justice	Elected	2024-2025 (1 year)	(518) 497 – 6931
	Roger Labombard	Highways Superintendent	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	hwysuptoc@gmail.com
	Lynn Harrigan	Tax Collector	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	tax@chateaugayny.org 518-425-6633
	William Trombly	Town Board	Elected	2021-2025 (4 years)	(518) 497 - 6931
	Kirby Selkirk	Town Board	Elected	2021-2025 (4 years)	(518) 497 - 6931
Scott Cowan	Town Board	Elected	2021-2025 (4 years)	(518) 497 - 6931	
James Harrigan	Town Board	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	(518) 497 - 6931	

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	William Trombly	Town Board	Elected	2026-2030 (4 years)	(518) 497 - 6931
	Cory Helm	Town Board	Elected	2026-2030 (4 years)	(518) 497 - 6931
	Irving Monette Jr	Town Board	Elected	2026-2030 (4 years)	(518) 497 - 6931

Description of local outreach strategies, engagement activities, and public events to date:

In addition to regular communication with local officials in the host community, the Proposer has conducted community engagement and outreach events for the Bid Facility. Some of these outreach efforts are described below.

Date and Time	Community Event	Location
December 7, 2022, 5:30pm – 7:30pm	Landowner Dinner • Repower Community Meeting Informational Boards	American Legion Post 875, 80 West Maine Street Chateaugay, NY
December 8, 2022, 1pm - 3pm	Landowner Dinner • Repower Community Meeting Informational Boards	American Legion Post 875, 80 West Maine Street Chateaugay, NY
December 8, 2022, 5pm - 7pm	Community Meeting • Community Meeting Invitation • Chateaugay Wind Project Layout	American Legion Post 875, 80 West Maine Street Chateaugay, NY
January 14, 2025, 4pm – 6pm	Community Meeting • Repower Community Meeting Boards	American Legion Post 875, 80 West Maine Street Chateaugay, NY

Community engagement events offer valuable opportunities for the Proposer to meet with local stakeholders. The purpose of these events is to introduce the Proposer and the Bid Facility to the host community, to inform the community about the repowering process, and to educate the community on how to get involved. The Proposer makes a thorough effort to notify stakeholders and encourage attendance and participation.

Bid Facility Community Meetings – December 8, 2022, and January 14, 2025

Displayed on poster boards throughout the room were project overview topics, such as “Chateaugay Repower.” Project overview topics included timeline, specifications, relevant maps, community benefits, and Bid Facility contact information. Contact information was collected for follow-up questions. Postcard invitations with the meeting description, times, and RSVP information were sent to community homes and businesses within the project areas. Project posterboards can be found on the Bid Facility’s website.

The Proposer notified stakeholders about community engagement events between 14 and 21 days prior to the event. Notifications were posted on the Bid Facility website at least two weeks before the event.

Description of planned local outreach strategies, engagement activities, and public events:

Public involvement and community outreach will continue on an ongoing basis during all phases of the Bid Facility's life.

The Proposer will facilitate a tiered approach to engagement at each phase of the project. Outreach will be as follows:

Permitting Phase

- A public comment hearing will be held in person
- Notification of the public hearing will be:
 - Mailed to residents living within a 5-mile radius of the boundary of the Bid Facility
 - Published in the local newspaper
 - Posted on the Bid Facility's website

Pre-Construction Phase

- Public Notice & Preconstruction Meeting
At least 14 days prior to site mobilization, the Proposer will:
 - Issue a public notice of construction.
 - Hold a preconstruction meeting with local agencies and officials to ensure public safety.
- Optional Open House
If requested by local leaders, the Proposer will host an Open House to inform the community about construction activities and expectations.

Construction Phase

- Complaint Resolution Process
The Proposer will implement its Complaint Management Plan in accordance with the Siting Permit, which includes:
 - Multiple methods for registering complaints (phone, email, mailing address, online form).
 - Public notification of complaint procedures.
 - Timely and respectful response and resolution processes.
 - Logging and tracking of all complaints, including:
 - Complainant's name and contact information.
 - Location, property owner, date, and time of the event causing the complaint.
 - Description of the complaint and status of resolution.
 - Reporting unresolved complaints to NYSDPS within 30 days.
 - Mediation for complaints unresolved within 60 days.
 - Regular reporting of complaint resolution tracking to NYSDPS, filed with the Executive Director and Secretary.

Operating Phase

This document will be made publicly available on NYSERDA's RES Solicitation website.

- **Community Engagement**
The Proposer will maintain ongoing engagement with the local community and stakeholders by:
 - Being accessible at local offices serving Altona, Chateaugay, Clinton, and Ellenburg in Clinton County.
 - Using multiple communication channels to promote public engagement events:
 - Mail notifications to residents within a 5-mile radius.
 - Post notices in local newspapers.
 - Coordination with town officials.
 - Posting notifications on the Bid Facility's webpage.

Decommissioning Phase

- **Continued Outreach**
Public involvement and community outreach will continue throughout the decommissioning phase. The Proposer will ensure stakeholders have appropriate recourse to share feedback and concerns during this stage, leveraging the established Complaint Resolution Process.
- The AHJ will have an on-site monitor determining the decommissioning's adherence with applicable local laws and agreements paid for by the Proposer.

Description of benefits to disadvantaged communities that would be realized with the development and construction of the Bid Facility:

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act requires New York to direct at least 35%, aiming for 40% of clean energy benefits to disadvantaged communities, including programs in energy, housing, workforce development, pollution reduction, and economic growth. As we build our 2.5+ GW renewable energy portfolio, the Proposer will expand Social Impact program funding for host and disadvantaged communities throughout development and construction, with spending in these areas:

- Clean energy and energy efficiency programs
- Projects or investments in the areas of housing, workforce development, pollution reduction, low-income energy assistance, energy, transportation, and economic development.

Social Impact Program:

To support host communities during renewable energy project development and construction, including the Bid Facility, the Proposer launched its Social Impact Program in New York in 2021. This program works with local leaders to identify and support high-impact initiatives. The Proposer has developed these four focus pillars from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

1. Partnering for access to Safe, Efficient, and Affordable Energy and Basic Services
2. Partnering for Inclusive Economic Growth & Education
3. Partnering for the Environment
4. Partnering for Community Resilience

Within these Focus Pillars, our Social Impact program strives to create partnerships that align with the Proposer's purpose and values while strengthening our investment in community led initiatives that meet the targets set forth by the United Nations' [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and American Clean Power's [Energy Transition for All initiative](#). These goals closely align with the Climate Act's goals for Disadvantaged Communities.

The Proposer Social Impact Spending for, in, or near Disadvantaged Communities

According to the Climate Justice Working Group Draft Criteria, 15 percent of residents in the North Country reside in a Disadvantaged Community, including the City of Plattsburgh.

The Proposer understands the need to invest in workforce development, and through our Social Impact program, we have invested in workforce development in three Disadvantaged Communities through partnerships with:

- Franklin Essex Hamilton Board of Cooperative Education Services (FEH BOCES)
- Genesee Community College, Solar Electrical Technician Certificate Program
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 910 Apprenticeship Program
- Solar One

Clean Energy Career Fairs

Since 2023, the Proposer has sponsored and participated in Career and Job Fairs within disadvantaged communities and intends to maintain this support moving forward. Social Impact Funding will continue during the development and construction of the 2.5+ GW renewable energy portfolio, benefiting host communities such as Ellenburg and Bellmont and statewide. The Proposer is dedicated to ensuring these funds directly support disadvantaged communities, using New York State's finalized criteria for investment decisions.

Disadvantaged Communities and Short-Term Economic Benefits

The Bid Facility is forecasted to generate short-term employment for New York State Residents. The Proposer is committed to prioritizing the hiring of construction staff from DACs to the maximum extent practicable. The Proposer will do so by working with EPCs, NYSERDA, the NYS Department of Labor, its contractors, and representatives from the Bid Facility host community.

Description of the direct benefits to the community:

As described in the “**Description of benefits to disadvantaged communities**” section of this Community Engagement Plan, the Proposer launched its Social Impact Program in New York State in 2021. This program is designed to support host communities during the development and construction of our renewable energy projects, including the Bid Facility.

You can learn more about the importance of The Proposer to the communities where we are developing and operating projects [in this video.](#)

During development and construction of the Bid Facility, the Proposer will continue Social Impact funding across New York State, in the critical areas of clean energy and energy efficiency programs, investments in the areas of housing, workforce development, pollution reduction, low-income energy assistance, energy, transportation, and economic development.

The Proposer's presence in the North Country has resulted in a partnership with the FEH BOCES in Malone. The Proposer has also invested in partnerships with local school districts and local fire districts. The Proposer has worked with stakeholders in the host community via our Social Impact program and has contributed over \$40,000 dollars in donations and sponsorships to support the community with these organizations:

- Chateaugay Central School
- Chateaugay Rotary
- Chateaugay Memorial Library
- Chateaugay Revitalization Committee

The Proposer will also provide electric utility bill credits for the first 10 years of the Bid Facility's operation to the utility customers in the Town of Chateaugay through the NYS DPS program.

Description of past or planned PILOT and HCA engagements:

The Bid Facility has provided economic benefit to the local taxing jurisdictions in the form of Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) and Host Community Agreements (HCAs) since the Bid Facility's 2009 operation date. The Proposer will continue to provide economic benefits through the repower timeline.

The Proposer expects to execute a PILOT and an HCA, which will require annual payments.

Additionally, payments will also be made in association with easement agreements executed to host Bid Facility components. These easement payments offer direct benefits to New York State.

Since the Bid Facility began operating in 2009, the project has contributed over \$14 million to the local economy through agreements with the Town of Chateaugay, Franklin County Industrial Development Agency, and other local jurisdictions.

- Over \$10 million in HCA payments and over \$5 million in a PILOT payment (Includes payments to towns, counties, and school districts)

Repowering the Bid Facility will ensure economic contributions to the community continue for up to an additional 30 years. The Proposer is currently in discussions with local municipalities about economic benefit agreements for the repower project and estimates payments to exceed \$37 million dollars over 30 years.

Description of local interests and concerns, including strategies to build support and/or mitigate concerns:

The Proposer has engaged stakeholders throughout the pre-award and development phase of the Bid Facility, hosting public meetings and providing information via its website to ensure community involvement.

Building strong relationships with the Chateaugay Town Board and residents is crucial for the Bid Facility's success. The Proposer is committed to addressing local concerns and fostering ongoing cooperation throughout the repower process. Overall, the community supports the Bid Facility, recognizing its economic and other future benefits.

Response to Community Concerns

The Proposer has worked in cooperation with the community throughout the repowering of the Bid Facility. The Proposer takes into consideration concerns raised by the community and has incorporated solutions to respond accordingly. Please see examples listed below.

- **General concerns about wind development (flicker impacts, sound impacts, visual impacts):**
 - The Proposer has held conversations with stakeholders and stated that the repowered Bid Facility will have similar impacts as the current one. Burdens related to these impacts will be addressed through the development and permitting process.
- **Decommissioning impacts:**
 - The Proposer will be utilizing the same access roads used during initial construction of the Bid Facility during the decommissioning process to mitigate and minimize impact. Minimal tree-clearing and grubbing (removal of stumps, shrubs and roots) along roads and around turbines, and some grading and smoothing of dips in delivery roads, will be completed to enable delivery of the new turbines. The Proposer will communicate with landowners on an as-needed basis if any tree-clearing, road-improvement or other decommissioning-related impacts on anticipated on their land.
- **Preservation of the rural landscape and minimizing impacts on the local community:**
 - The Proposer is aware that preserving the current landscape is a primary concern and priority for many members of the local communities. To this end, the Proposer aims to mitigate and minimize the impacts of decommissioning the existing Bid Facility, with the goal of enabling the Bid Facility to continue operating post-repower in the same manner as it has for the past 16 years.
- **HCA and PILOT payments:**
 - Additionally, community members expressed the significant positive impact the Bid Facility's HCA and PILOT payments have had on the community from 2009 – present. These community members have stated that they want these payments to continue and have expressed concern about the potential loss of economic benefits to the community if the Bid Facility is not repowered. The Proposer has communicated with community members and local agencies that our desire is to extend the life of the Bid

Facility through its realization, and with it, the economic benefits that the community has experienced for the past 16 years. The receipt of a NYSERDA Tier 1 Bid and realization of the Bid Facility are the mechanisms by which current Bid Facility economic benefits will be able to continue.

Our community engagement philosophy is to create a strong foundation at the local level and build additional layers of support at the regional and state levels. The Proposer will continue this outreach and is committed to responding respectfully to community feedback and concerns.

The Proposer is committed to addressing all instances of concern or opposition with unique attention by listening, providing factual and thorough resources where applicable, acknowledging our stakeholders' concerns, and taking mitigatory or responsive action where possible to address concerns. The Proposer will continue stakeholder outreach throughout the repower process and is committed to responding respectfully to community feedback and concerns.

The Proposer commits to understanding the local community and landowners' concerns with the Bid Facility and aiding in mitigation where required or appropriate. The Proposer has a long history of working with both participating and non-participating landowners of the Bid Facility site and is committed to collaborating with individual stakeholders to mitigate Bid Facility-related concerns and impacts whenever possible.

In a typical process, any person impacted by the Bid Facility can contact the Proposer's team through phone lines, email, website, or local or state office. Every public concern is taken seriously, and a representative will respectfully communicate with the stakeholder to identify the source of their concern as well as any potential mitigation that may be required. If warranted, the Proposer will attend either virtual or in-person one-on-one meetings with the stakeholder with the goal of achieving a mutual agreement.

The Proposer will coordinate closely with the many teams involved in the Bid Facility – Operations, Repower Development, Asset Management, and Stakeholder Relations – to address/mitigate the identified issue(s). The Proposer is committed to being accessible and ensuring stakeholders receive information and resolutions to concerns as quickly as possible. Some of the concerns that have been raised by the host community and how The Proposer will continue to solicit feedback and input throughout all Bid Facility phases.

Description of method for soliciting project feedback, including the process for sharing feedback:

The Community Engagement Plan has been designed to solicit feedback and input from stakeholders during the repower development and permitting process. The Proposer described explicit methods through which feedback is being solicited and incorporated into the ongoing Bid Facility’s operation and development. In summary, the Proposer:

- Organizes community meetings, including Q&A; two have been organized thus far
- Organizes meetings for participating landowners including Q&A; one has been organized thus far
- Solicits input on the Bid Facility’s website
- Monitors the Project email and the Proposer’s phone lines Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

The Proposer utilizes a variety of communication channels to disseminate information about the Bid Facility, including the Bid Facility Website, mailed notifications, and notices in local papers. The permit application materials are available at designated locations in the local community per Article VIII regulations.

Updates will continue to be shared on the Bid Facility website throughout the repowering process. Community meeting materials, such as slide presentations, are also made available on the Bid Facility website. When stakeholders contact the Bid Facility repower team via phone, the Proposer aims to respond with a return phone call within two business days.

The Proposer will remain accessible to stakeholders regarding the Bid Facility. Updates will continue to be shared on the bid facility website. Community meeting materials are also available on the facility website.

Bid Facility Email	chateaugaywind@aes.com
Bid Facility Website	https://www.aes.com/energy-projects/chateaugay-wind
NY Phone #	(866) 757-7697
Local Office Address	23 Lost Nation Rd. Churubusco, NY 12923, United States

Additionally, the Proposer adheres to Article VIII regulations for responding to public comments. Public comments are posted on the New York Department of Public Service Document Matter Master (NYS DPS DMM)