

**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.

<b>Bid Facility Information</b>	
Bid Facility Name:	Ellenburg Windpark
Proposer:	Valcour Ellenburg Windpark, LLC
Technology:	Wind
Proposed Nameplate Capacity (Megawatts AC):	103.5 MW
Interconnection Queue Number:	0175
Interconnecting Utility:	NYPA
NYS PSC Article 10/ORES Case Number (if applicable):	03033
Bid Facility Website (if applicable):	<a href="https://www.aes.com/energy-projects/ellenburg-wind">https://www.aes.com/energy-projects/ellenburg-wind</a>
Proposed In-Service Date:	12/31/2029

**General description of Project (250 words or more):**

Ellenburg Windpark (“Bid Facility”) is an existing 81 MW, 54-turbine wind facility, constructed in 2008 by Noble Environmental Power. The Bid Facility is part of a six-Bid Facility portfolio 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 17 years; therefore, it is nearing its end of 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 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 85,000 tons annually, generating enough electricity to power roughly 14,500 homes each year. Repowering will ensure continued, significant economic benefits to the local community through HCA (Host Community Agreement) and PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreements in the Town of Ellenburg in Clinton County, as well as benefiting the Town of Bellmont.

The Proposer began community engagement activities in November 2021 and will continue these activities throughout the development, construction, and post-repower operations. To date, the Proposer has hosted three public engagement events: three community meetings, two in December 2022 and one in January 2025.

The Proposer’s office serving the Clinton, Ellenburg, Chateaugay, and Altona Windparks is located in Churubusco, NY, where 28 full-time staff members 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 and maintenance.

<b>Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) Information</b>					
County(ies):	Clinton and Franklin Counties				
City/Town/Village(s):	Town of Ellenburg and Town of Bellmont				
Taxing School District(s):	Northern Adirondack School District and Malone Central School District				
Located in Agricultural District? (Yes/No)	Yes, a portion of the Bid Facility's site is located in agricultural district 1 and 7				
Local Elected Official Name(s), Contact Information, and Tenure:	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title and Office</b>	<b>Elected/ Appointed</b>	<b>Tenure</b>	<b>Contact</b>
	Jason Dezan	Town Supervisor, Ellenburg	Elected	2021-2025 2026-2030 (4 years)	518-594-7340  Supervisor@townofellenburg.com
	Bethany Fortin	Town Clerk, Ellenburg	Elected	2021-2025 2026-2030 (4 years)	518-594-5041  <a href="mailto:clerk@townofellenburg.com">clerk@townofellenburg.com</a>
	Brad Wright	Highway Supervisor, Ellenburg	Elected	2021-2025 2026-2030 (4 years)	518-594-7340
	Kenneth J. Prevo	Justice Court, Ellenburg	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	518-594-7177
	Rolland Thomas	Justice Court, Ellenburg	Elected	2022-2026 (4 years)	518-594-5005
	Stewart Seguin	Assessor, Ellenburg	Appointed	2025-2031 (6 years)	518-594-7708
	Adam Trombley	Code Enforcement, Ellenburg	Appointed	Appointed	518-594-7340
	Sharlene Stanley	Tax Collector, Ellenburg	Elected	2023-2025 (2 years)	518-594-6000
	Christine Gregory	Tax Collector, Ellenburg	Elected	2026- 2030 (4 years)	518-594-6000
	Giles Filion	Town Board, Ellenburg	Elected	2024-2027 (3 years)	518-594-7340
Derryl Gregory	Town Board, Ellenburg	Elected	2021-2025 (4 years)	518-594-7340	

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	Neil Trombley	Town Board, Ellenburg	Elected	2021-2025 2026-2030 (4 years)	518-594-7340
	Dennis McCreless	Town Board, Ellenburg	Elected	2021-2025 2026-2030 (4 years)	518-594-7340
	Shannon Barton	Town Board, Ellenburg	Elected	2026-2028 (4 years)	518-594-7340
	Sara M. Titus	Town Supervisor, Belmont	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	518-425-3461
	Lisa Vanier	Town Clerk, Belmont	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	518-569-8312
	Lee J. Davis	Highway Superintendent, Belmont	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	518-483-2227
	Glenda J. King	Town Justice, Belmont	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	519-425-3461  <a href="mailto:GJKing@nycourts.gov">GJKing@nycourts.gov</a>
	Robert Ball	Assessor, Belmont	Appointed	2025-2031 (6 years)	315-681-7395
	Brenda Perreault	Code Enforcement, Belmont	Appointed	Appointed	518-891-4050  <a href="mailto:bellmontnycode@gmail.com">bellmontnycode@gmail.com</a>
	Stacie Mailloux	Tax Collector, Belmont	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	518-425-0126  <a href="mailto:bellmonttaxcollector@gmail.com">bellmonttaxcollector@gmail.com</a>
	Harley Titus	Town Board, Belmont	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	518-425-6638
	Wayne Rogers	Town Board, Belmont	Elected	2021-2025 (4 years)	518-483-7848
	Jeff Manley	Town Board, Belmont	Elected	2023-2027 (4 years)	518-425-6145
	Gregory Langdon	Town Board, Belmont	Elected	2021-2025 (4 years)	518-483-9226
	Gregory I. Langdon	Town Board, Belmont	Elected	2026-2030 (4 years)	518-483-9226
	Wayne P. Rogers	Town Board, Belmont	Elected	2026-2030 (4 years)	518-483-7848

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

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

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Community Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Dec 5, 2022</b>	Clinton & Ellenburg Wind Landowner Dinner	Rainbow Wedding and Banquet Hall
	<u>Community Meeting Information Boards</u>	47 Woods Falls Rd. Altona NY, 12910
<b>Dec 6, 2022</b>	Clinton & Ellenburg Wind Community meeting (1- 3pm)	Rainbow Wedding and Banquet Hall
	<u>Repower Community Meeting Information Boards</u>	47 Woods Falls Rd. Altona NY, 12910
<b>Dec 6, 2022</b>	Clinton & Ellenburg Wind Community meeting (5-7 pm)	Rainbow Wedding and Banquet Hall
	<u>Community Meeting Information Boards</u>	47 Woods Falls Rd. Altona NY, 12910
<b>January 16, 2025</b>	Ellenburg Wind Community meeting (4-6 pm)	Ellenburg Center
	<u>Community Meeting Information Boards</u>	8 Old State Rd, Ellenburg Center, NY 12934

At community engagement events, the Proposer introduces Bid Facility representatives, informs attendees about the Bid Facility, and answers questions. In addition, the Proposer solicits feedback from community members and members of local agencies. The Proposer publishes all notices of public engagement events at least two weeks prior to the event. 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 communities, to inform the community about the repowering process and next steps, and to inform the communities about how to get involved. The Proposer makes a thorough effort to notify stakeholders and encourage attendance and participation.

**Clinton and Ellenburg Wind Community Meeting held on December 6, 2022, 1pm-3pm & 5pm-7pm:**

- Displayed on posterboards throughout the room were Bid Facility overview topics such as “Ellenburg Repower,” and more. In attendance were the Proposer representatives and subject matter experts available to answer questions at each station.

- Other Bid Facility overview topics included: timeline, engineering specifications, relevant maps, community benefits, and Bid Facility contact information.

All questions were recorded for potential use in “Frequently Asked Questions,” and contact information was collected for questions needing follow-up.

- Postcard invitations with the meeting description, times, and RSVP information were sent out to 474 community members within the Bid Facility areas. In total, 10 members of the Ellenburg community attended.

**Ellenburg Community Meeting held on January 16, 2025, 4-6 pm:**

- The Proposer displayed boards with information about the Bid Facility with topics about the timeline, decommissioning, relevant maps, community benefits, and Bid Facility contact information.

The Proposer notified stakeholders 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 take place 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;
  - Published in the local newspaper; and
  - Posted on the Bid Facility's website;

### **Pre-Construction Phase**

- Public Notice
- 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); and
  - 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; and
    - Description of the complaint and status of resolution
  - Reporting unresolved complaints to the Office and NYSDPS within 30 days;
  - Mediation for complaints unresolved within 60 days; and
  - Regular reporting of complaint resolution tracking to the NYSDPS, filed with the Executive Director and Secretary.

### **Operating Phase**

- 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; and
  - Posting notifications on the Bid Facility's webpage.

**Decommissioning Phase**

- Continued Outreach
- Community 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 adherence of the decommissioning phase to applicable local laws and agreements.

**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 State 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 the Proposer builds 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 State 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; and
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 Leadership and Community Protection Act's goals for disadvantaged communities.

**The Proposer Social Impact Spending for, in, or near disadvantaged communities**

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

The Proposer understands the need to invest through the social impact program in disadvantaged communities. Therefore, the Proposer has invested in multiple partnerships with disadvantaged communities across the state 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;
- and
- Solar One

### **Clean Energy Career Fairs**

Since 2022, 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. 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's 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 develop and operate 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 has also invested in partnerships with school districts and fire districts in the Bid Facility’s host communities. The Proposer has contributed over \$75,000 in donations and sponsorships to support the following organizations:

- Ellenburg EMS
- Ellenburg Center Fire Department
- Ellenburg Swim Program
- Ellenburg Bobcats Youth Wrestling Club

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 Ellenburg and Bellmont 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 2008 operation date. The Proposer will continue to provide economic benefits through the repower timeline.

The Proposer expects to execute PILOTs and HCAs, which will require annual payments.

Since the Bid Facility began operating in 2008, the project has contributed over \$16 million to the local economy through agreements with the Town of Ellenburg, Clinton County Industrial Development Agency, and other local jurisdictions.

- About \$5 million via a Host Community Agreement (Includes payments to towns, counties, and school districts)
- Over \$10 million via a PILOT agreement (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 Bid Facility.

### **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 Ellenburg and Belmont Town Board and local 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 takes into consideration concerns raised by the communities and has incorporated solutions to respond accordingly. Please see examples listed below.

- **General wind development concerns (flicker, sound, visual):**
  - 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 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 17 years.
- **HCA and PILOT payments:**
  - Additionally, community members expressed the significant positive impact that Bid Facility HCA and PILOT payments have had on the community from 2008 to the present. These community members 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 we desire to extend the life of the Bid Facility and with it, the economic benefits that the community has experienced for the past 17 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 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 commits to understanding the concerns of the local community and landowners regarding the Bid Facility and assisting with mitigation when necessary or appropriate. The Proposer has a long history of working with both participating and non-participating landowners of the Bid Facility site and is dedicated to collaborating with individual stakeholders to address concerns and minimize impacts related to the Bid Facility whenever possible.

In a typical process, anyone affected by the Bid Facility can contact the Bid Facility team via phone, email, the website, or local offices. Every public concern is taken seriously, and a Bid Facility representative will communicate respectfully with stakeholders to identify the source of their concern and explore potential mitigation measures. When needed, the Proposer will hold either virtual or in-person one-on-one meetings with stakeholders to work toward a mutual understanding. The Proposer will work closely with the teams involved in the Bid Facility—Operations, Repower Development, Asset Management, and Stakeholder Relations—to address and mitigate identified issues.

The Proposer is committed to being accessible and providing stakeholders with timely information and solutions. Some concerns raised by the host community and the Proposer's responses are detailed in this section of this Plan. The Proposer will continue to seek feedback and input throughout all phases of the Bid Facility.

**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 Bid Facility’s repower development and permitting process. The Proposer described explicit methods through which feedback is solicited and incorporated into the ongoing Bid Facility’s operation and development. In summary, the Proposer:

- Organizes community meetings, including Q&A; three 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 state phone line 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 in accordance with 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 team by phone, the Proposer aims to respond with a return phone call within two business days.

Throughout the Bid Facility’s life cycle, community outreach will be ongoing. The Proposer will continue to provide the community with access to Bid Facility representatives for input. Contact information is available on the Bid Facility website, which is regularly updated with new information and development schedules. The Proposer will remain accessible to stakeholders regarding the Bid Facility; Community meeting materials are available on the facility website.

<b>Bid Facility Email</b>	<a href="mailto:Ellenburgwind@aes.com">Ellenburgwind@aes.com</a>
<b>Bid Facility Website</b>	<a href="https://www.aes.com/energy-projects/ellenburg-wind">https://www.aes.com/energy-projects/ellenburg-wind</a>
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Additionally, the proposer follows Article VIII to respond to public comments. Public comments are posted on the New York Department of Public Service Document Matter Master (NYS DPS DMM)