

# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

## **NYSERDA RESRFP24-1**

### **Lyons Falls Hydroelectric Repowering Project (FERC Project No. 2548)**

#### **Northbrook Lyons Falls, LLC**

Northbrook Lyons Falls, LLC (NBLF) herein submits a Community Engagement Plan, as required in the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Purchase of New York Tier 1 Eligible Renewable Energy Certificates Request for Proposals (RFP or RESRFP24-1).

#### **1. Identification of the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) and taxing School District, including local elected officials' name, contact information, and tenure.**

The Lyons Falls Hydroelectric Project (Project), including the Lyons Falls Mill Repowering Project (Repowering Project), is located in the Village of Lyons Falls in Lewis County, New York. The local Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) over the Repowering Project are the Village of Lyons Falls and the Lewis County Building & Codes Office. The state AHJ is the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), and federal AHJs include the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Lewis County Building & Codes Office administers and enforces the provisions of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code Act; local land use / zoning laws; and local flood damage prevention laws. They also review design documents for compliance with Uniform Code(s) and adopted standards; conduct state-mandated inspections of all commercial buildings; issue building, zoning, and flood plain development permits; and investigate complaints that assert violations of the Uniform Code or local laws (Lewis County undated).

The taxing School District is the South Lewis Central School District which is comprised of six schools: Constableville Elementary School; Gelnfield Elementary School; Port Leyden Elementary School; South Lewis Elementary School; South Lewis Middle School; and South Lewis High School (New York State Education Department undated).

The contact information for the applicable AHJs, taxing school district, and local elected officials is provided below.

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- 2. Outreach strategies and activities NBLF has implemented to date and will use to engage stakeholders and interested parties.**

#### **Past/Present Consultation Efforts**

NBLF has engaged with stakeholders and interested parties, including affected agencies, regarding both the Project and the Repowering Project for over a decade. These efforts were conducted during NBLF's development of an Amendment to the existing FERC license between 2013 and 2016, during the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program that concluded in 2019, and during the NBLF relicensing process that started in 2021 and is currently ongoing. NBLF has used these efforts to develop the Repowering Project.

#### FERC License Amendment (2013 – 2016)

To gain a better understanding of the potential resource areas of interest that may be associated with the Repowering of the Lyons Falls Mill powerhouse, NBLF conducted a series

of conference calls and email exchanges with stakeholders and interested parties, including affected agencies. On November 18, 2014, an initial public meeting and site visit with stakeholders was held to discuss the proposed Repowering Project.

Through initial consultation with the NYSDEC, USFWS, Trout Unlimited (TU), and Lewis County, NBLF was able to identify the resource areas of greatest interest and potential protection, mitigation, and enhancement (PM&E) measures consistent with the parties' interests. Through this consultation, it was determined that NBLF would supplement the results of studies conducted in 2006 and 2007 in support of Repowering and conduct the following supplemental study activities: an evaluation of fish entrainment and impingement, a desktop survey of area wetlands, and consultation with the USFWS and NYSDEC regarding potential threatened and endangered species associated with the Project area. In addition, NBLF consulted with the New York State Historical Preservation Office (NYSHPO) and the Oneida Indian Nation regarding cultural and historical resources, consulted with the New York State Department of State regarding the location of the Project relative to the State's coastal zone, and incorporated the results of the recreational surveys associated with FERC's Form 80 reports into the amendment process. Consultation regarding cultural and historical resources included conference calls with the NYSHPO and a conference call and site visit with a representative of the Oneida Indian Nation.

NBLF also consulted with American Whitewater, the Village of Lyons Falls, Lewis County, Lewis County Development Corporation, the Development Authority of the North Country, and several New York State and Federal elected officials.

After the consultation activities described above, NBLF prepared and distributed an Initial Consultation and Amendment Package (ICAP), which served as both an Initial Consultation Document (ICD) and a draft Amendment Application. The ICAP was distributed to stakeholders in advance of the Joint Agency Public Meeting and Site Visit that was held on March 4, 2015. This schedule allowed the parties to review and provide initial comments on the proposal prior to the public meeting and site visit. Following the public meeting and site visit, the parties were provided 60 days to submit comments regarding the proposal. In support of the consultation process, the public meeting and site visit were publicly noticed in the Boonville Herald on February 18, 2015, and a copy of the ICAP was maintained in the Village of Lyons Falls library.

The License Amendment was issued on May 30, 2016 and by an Order issued May 8, 2024 FERC extended the deadlines to start and complete construction to September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2027, respectively.

#### Participation in BOA Program (2019)

The Brownfield Opportunity Area ("BOA") program engagement process included a diverse Steering Committee, stakeholder interviews, and general public outreach. The BOA planning process was overseen by a Steering Committee that met several times at regular intervals over the course of the Project to provide feedback and guidance during plan development. In

addition to the Steering Committee, a branding-specific subcommittee was formed to provide feedback for the BOA logo and tag line.

A series of stakeholder interviews were conducted to gather support and input from key community members. Stakeholders included:

- Lyons Falls History Association
- Members of the Village Board
- Representatives from Snow Belt Housing
- Representatives from Kruger Energy, an affiliate of NBLF
- Recreation and tourism enthusiasts
- Small business owners
- Developers
- Local residents and property owners

Community members and stakeholders also participated in public outreach events. The first public event was an informational booth at the Farmer's Market designed to solicit feedback and answer questions. Interactive public workshops were held to update residents about the state of the BOA program and to gather additional feedback.

#### FERC Relicensing Process (2021 to present)

The Lyons Falls Hydroelectric Project is currently undergoing relicensing. A regulatory process occurring every 30-50 years involving the federal government and other stakeholders in which the FERC, the AHJ, issues the licensee a new license to continue to operate the Project. Relicensing is a comprehensive process that includes extensive consultation with federal, state, and local stakeholders.

In April 2021, NBLF commenced consultation with interested stakeholders regarding relicensing of the Project by sending a request for information in support of the upcoming relicensing. On June 1, 2021, NBLF initiated the formal relicensing process using the Commission's Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) with the filing of the Pre-Application Document (PAD) and Notice of Intent (NOI). In a letter dated July 20, 2021, FERC approved the Applicant's request to use the TLP. A Joint Agency Public Meeting and Site Visit was held on August 25, 2021. The Joint Meeting and Site Visit was attended by representatives from the NYSDEC, USFWS, American Whitewater (AW), Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District, New York Rivers, and EONY Generation Limited (EONY; Licensee of upstream Moose River Project [FERC No. 4349]). A follow-up meeting was held on September 10, 2021, with AW and New York Rivers due to connectivity problems at the in-person Joint Meeting. Comments on the PAD and/or study requests were filed by AW, Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), USFWS, NYSDEC, the Tug Hill Commission, and Lewis County.

The proposed study plans were distributed on April 5, 2022, and a conference call including NYSDEC, USFWS, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), National Park Service (NPS), AW, AMC, and Lewis County was conducted on May 5, 2022, to review the proposed study plans. NBLF redistributed revised study plans on July 15, 2022, following the study plan meeting and additional comments received from the USFWS, NYSDEC, AW, AMC, and Lewis County.

The following studies were completed by NBLF:

- Macroinvertebrate Study
- Water Quality Study
- Mussel Study
- Bypassed Reach Study
- Recreation Study

Additional consultation was held with AW and AMC regarding whitewater and recreation. NBLF held a meeting with AW and AMC on February 15, 2023, to discuss these topics. The Licensee discussed potential PM&E measures with AW and AMC, and in follow-up to the call, distributed a proposal for recreational and whitewater PM&E measures on April 14, 2023. AW and AMC agreed to this approach via email on April 18, 2023.

On January 24, 2024, NBLF submitted a Draft License Application for the Project to stakeholders to comment on a draft version of the application prior to development of the Final License Application. The Final License Application was filed on May 31, 2024, and provides additional details regarding the Repowering of the Lyons Falls Mill. Stakeholder engagement will continue through FERC's independent National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process that will start in the third quarter of 2024 and will continue into 2025. Throughout this process, stakeholders are encouraged to file public comments on FERC's eLibrary.

### **Future Consultation Efforts**

As mentioned above, NBLF is undergoing FERC relicensing for the Project concurrently with the bid proposal. The stakeholder engagement is a fundamental part of this process and will continue through 2025. Stakeholders are encouraged to file public comments on FERC's eLibrary at [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp) by searching under Docket P-2548.

NBLF maintains a public facing website (<https://www.lyonsfallshydro.com/>) which will be used to communicate relevant information to stakeholders regarding the Repowering Project. The website is a platform that is used to educate the community about the Repowering Project and provides notification posts for upcoming meetings and events. Additionally, NBLF maintains an email ([info@lyonsfallshydro.com](mailto:info@lyonsfallshydro.com)) and hotline (1-844-300-0558) for feedback and input from the public and affected agencies. NBLF has developed an internal process to ensure responses are provided to every party that requests information related to the Repowering Project through the aforementioned platforms. Related to relicensing, NBLF maintains a list of interested stakeholders to whom updates on the Project and invitations for public meetings, as applicable, are provided.

NBLF is committed to continued stakeholder engagement through the Repowering process. NBLF has, and will continue to, engage with worker organizations, tribal governments, and community-based organizations representing local stakeholders including disadvantaged communities.

**3. Applicability of the CLCPA goals regarding benefits to Disadvantaged Communities that would be realized with the development and construction of the Repowering Project.**

New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) charged the Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG) to identify disadvantaged communities and to ensure that these communities would directly benefit from the State's transition to cleaner sources of energy. Using 45 indicators, CJWG identified approximately 35 percent of New York as disadvantaged community (NYSERDA 2023a). CJWG did not identify any disadvantaged communities in Lewis County and, therefore, no direct or indirect effects are anticipated (NYSERDA 2023b).

NBLF applies a community-focused approach to the Repowering of Lyons Falls Mill and aims to keep the community informed of the Repowering Project and aware of the benefits associated with long-term operation of the Repowering Project. Although no negative impacts to disadvantaged communities are expected, NBLF expects the local communities, including disadvantaged communities in neighboring counties, may benefit from jobs and economic opportunities associated with the construction and operation of the Repowering Project.

**4. Planned frequency of public engagement events and the anticipated duration, in years, of the public engagement events component of community outreach.**

NBLF's affiliate, KEI (USA) Power Management Inc., has engaged affected and interested agencies, municipalities, and other stakeholders on other hydroelectric projects throughout New York and neighboring NorthEast states. Using this previous experience, NBLF will facilitate meaningful stakeholder interactions throughout the Repowering Project development. In addition to the stakeholder engagement efforts that have already taken place, NBLF will continue to document consultations, stakeholder participation activities, and update relevant community outreach plans as necessary.

NBLF will conduct a mass mailing to the distribution list of stakeholders to announce future public meetings. Additional stakeholders will be added to the distribution list as they are identified through the consultation efforts. The updated distribution list will then be used for future mail and email notifications, and the list will be further updated based on additional requests. The Repowering Project's website will also be updated with any information regarding public engagement events.

NBLF anticipates hosting public meetings in the future near the Repowering Project site; however, the exact details of these meetings will be dependent on Project status and further stakeholder communication.

**5. Details of the direct benefits to the community**

The Repowering Project will allow NBLF to continue operating the Lyons Falls Hydroelectric Project and increase the current generation capacity. Hydropower is a renewable, clean, and domestic source of energy that delivers greenhouse gas-free energy to the New York

electricity grid. Hydropower is particularly beneficial due to its ability to quickly ramp up or ramp down to meet energy demands. As consumer energy demands are predicated to increase, hydropower will provide clean energy with no air pollution that would otherwise be produced if this increased demand was met by fossil fuels. Compared to other energy sources, hydropower provides low-cost electricity and durability over the long term.

The Project's impoundments provide direct recreation benefits to the community including opportunities to fish, swim, and boat. NBLF maintains numerous public access locations, picnic tables, and canoe portage trails to allow the public to take advantage of these opportunities.

The proposed Repowering Project is expected to have positive socioeconomic impacts in the area related to employment opportunities, specifically by generating temporary construction employment, a significant portion of which will likely be drawn from the regional labor market. Local construction employment will primarily benefit those participants in the construction trades, including equipment operators, truck drivers, laborers, and electricians, and is anticipated to potentially generate up to 29.8 short term full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs during the Repowering Project installation. In addition, Project operation will generate employment and contracting service opportunities for electricians, operations managers, laborers and fencing contractors, and landscaping maintenance crews. The proposed Repowering Project will maintain 1 full-time staff and part-time staff. NBLF will provide technical training for apprentices.

The Repowering Project will also contribute significantly to the revitalization of the BOA of the Village of Lyons Falls as the demolition of the previous powerhouse and construction of the new powerhouse are key elements in the revitalization. NBLF has committed significant resources to help cover the cost of the mill cleanup and plans to invest over \$40 million to increase the generation capacity at its adjacent hydropower facility to a total of 7.5 megawatts. NBLF has already contributed \$650,000 to the demolition effort.

**6. Details on past/planned engagement, including negotiation status, regarding payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreements or host community agreements (HCAs).**

Over the life of the Repowering Project, NBLF is expected to contribute millions of dollars in additional revenue to the Village of Lyons Falls and the South Lewis Central School District in the form of a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement and a host community agreement (HCA). Preliminary discussions have been held between NBLF and Lewis County; however, the specific terms of a PILOT agreement or HCA are still to be negotiated and approved.

To date, NBLF has contributed \$650,000 to the demolition activities. Given the nature of the former mill facility, demolition and removal of the facility was a high priority for the Village of Lyons Falls and addressed the most significant aesthetic aspect associated with the Project area.

## **7. Local interests and concerns**

NBLF's parent company, KEI USA, has engaged affected and interested agencies, municipalities, and other stakeholders on other hydroelectric projects throughout New York. Using this previous experience, NBLF will facilitate meaningful stakeholder interactions throughout the Repowering Project. In addition to the stakeholder engagement efforts that have already taken place, NBLF will continue regular document consultations, stakeholder participation activities, and update relevant plans as necessary. In addition, concerns or questions raised by the public, and NBLF's response to these issues, will also be documented and provided to the public.

To date, local interests and concerns were identified through the FERC amendment process in 2016 as it relates to the Repowering Project. These concerns are well documented as are NBLF's responses. NBLF has taken into account the aforementioned concerns into its current proposal and at this time is unaware of current stakeholder concerns with the proposed Repowering Project.

NBLF has received letters of support for the Repowering Project from Naturally Lewis Inc. and Lewis County. These letters are provided in Attachment 1.

## **8. Mitigating concerns raised by the public regarding the Repowering Project**

Stakeholder concerns were largely mitigated through the 2016 FERC amendment process which included a series of agreements and proposed mitigation measures that were outlined in the 2016 Amendment. These agreements were developed based on the results of consultation and a series of environmental studies that were conducted related to potential environmental and social impacts of the Repowering Project. Further mitigation measures are being evaluated as part of the ongoing FERC relicensing efforts and ongoing stakeholder consultation efforts. NBLF remains committed to working with relevant local, state, and federal agencies and stakeholders to ensure that potential impacts are fully considered.

## **9. Method for soliciting feedback and input from the public and affected agencies and the process for sharing feedback and responses publicly.**

NBLF maintains a public facing website (<https://www.lyonsfallshydro.com/>) which will be used to communicate relevant information to stakeholders regarding the Repowering Project. The website is a platform that will be used to educate the community about the Repowering Project and provides notification posts for upcoming meetings and events. Additionally, NBLF maintains an email ([info@lyonsfallshydro.com](mailto:info@lyonsfallshydro.com)) and hotline (1-844-300-0558) for feedback and input from the public and affected agencies. NBLF has developed an internal process to ensure they respond to every party that requests information related to the Repowering Project through the platforms.

NBLF will conduct a mass mailing to the distribution list of stakeholders to announce any future public meetings and these meetings would also be advertised in public newspapers. Additional stakeholders will be added to the distribution list as they are identified through the consultation efforts. The updated distribution list will then be used for future mail and email

notifications, and the list will be further updated based on additional requests. The Repowering Project’s website will also be updated with any information regarding public engagement events.

**10. Ensuring that public engagement events are widely attended by a representative cross section of host community residents.**

In addition to the aforementioned stakeholder engagement activities, NBLF will seek to identify additional, practical measures to encourage stakeholder participation through the Repowering process. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing, evolving process throughout all phases of the Repowering Project as detailed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Lyons Falls Mill Development Proposed Construction Schedule**

Milestone	Anticipated Start Date
Execute Turbine and Generator Supply Contract	April 2026
Execute General Contractor Contract	April 2026
Start Decommissioning/Demolition	October 2026
Start New Powerhouse Construction	July 2027
Turbine and Generator Delivery	March 2028
Construction Complete	July 2028
Commercial Operation Date	October 2028

NBLF anticipates holding future public meetings, as necessary. These meetings may be held at different times of the day to accommodate workers’ schedules and provide the best opportunity for interested parties to attend. Additionally, the Repowering Project’s website will be updated at regular intervals with new developments, meetings, and announcements to keep stakeholders and the public informed.

Prior to construction, NBLF will conduct additional public outreach to notify the public that the Repowering Project will be undergoing construction including how the public can file comments and/or complaints.

## Citations

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New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). 2023a. New York State's Disadvantaged Communities Criteria Fact Sheet. Accessed: January 2024.

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# **Attachment 1**

## **Letters of Support**



July 24, 2024

NYSERDA RESRFP 24-1  
Attn: Anney DeRocker  
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Re: Northbrook Lyons Falls Hydroelectric Repowering Project

Dear Ms. DeRocker,

I am writing in support of the Northbrook Lyons Falls Expansion Project and application to NYSERDA that will allow Northbrook/Kruger to repower and expand their facilities in Lyons Falls, NY. As the lead economic development organization serving Lewis County, we've had a longstanding relationship with Kruger Energy, as their hydroelectric facility sits adjacent to the former Lyons Falls Mill Site, a property that the Lewis County Development Corporation (LCDC) owns and is working to redevelop.

Bringing new business to Lewis County at the beautiful Lyons Falls property is a key strategy for the county; one that has started to come to fruition with a start-up creamery located on part of the mill site. Further revitalization of this site is directly linked to Kruger's project to expand its facility. Recently, the LCDC renewed its option agreement with Kruger Energy for acquisition of additional land for future expansion. Naturally Lewis and the LCDC's commitment to the project continues.

It is critical for Kruger to receive incentives and funding to bring their hydroelectric expansion project to fruition. If not awarded, the future of the site is unknown, and the Village of Lyons Falls will suffer yet another loss of industry, which will be a detriment to its revitalization efforts through the NYS New York Forward Program and other local initiatives. We look forward to our continued work with Kruger and are hopeful of a successful award from NYSERDA.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you would like any further information.

Sincerely,

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July 29, 2024

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Subject: Northbrook Lyons Falls Hydroelectric Repowering Project

Dear Ms. DeRocker:

The County of Lewis has been a strong partner with Kruger Energy regarding its Northbrook Lyons Falls hydroelectric facility. This facility is adjacent to the Lyons Falls mill property owned by the Lewis County Development Corporation ("LCDC"), and revitalization of this property is a key priority for our County economic development agencies. The County, the LCDC and various other state and local agencies are working cooperatively with Kruger Energy on the revitalization of the mill property.

Bringing new business to Lewis County at the beautiful Lyons Falls property is a key strategy for the County. The revitalization of this site is directly linked with Kruger's project to expand its hydroelectric capacity at the Northbrook facility. The decaying mill property creates a challenge for the Kruger project and the two organizations are cooperating to meet that challenge. At the same time, new energy resources that Northbrook may create, could be very beneficial to new business development at the LCDC property. We have a strong partnership and expect to continue working together with Kruger Energy to advance both of our interests.

It is critical for Kruger to receive incentives and funding to bring their hydroelectric expansion project to fruition, which project is instrumental to redevelopment of the Lyons Falls mill property. We have worked very closely with state agencies, local government, and other partners. On behalf of the Board of Legislators, we respectfully request that NYSERDA recognizes the importance of the Kruger Energy project as it benefits Lewis County, as well as the central New York region, and approves funding assistance through the Renewable Energy Credit program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any other information.

Sincerely,



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Chairman of the Board