

Community Engagement Plan

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

The Towns of Avoca, Cohocton, Howard, Prattsburgh and Wheeler have authority over the local wind laws. Prattsburgh Wind will work with the local town boards and within the direction of the uniform standards eventually adopted by the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) to design the project.

Detail outreach strategies and activities the Proposer has implemented to date and will use to engage stakeholders and interested parties, including affected agencies, and to encourage public involvement throughout the pre-award, development, construction, and operation phases (consistent with the Project Milestone Schedule), including methods of communication and specific channels the Proposer intends to use to disseminate Bid Facility information. Separately describe the outreach activities undertaken prior to submitting the Bid Proposal and those that are planned in the future.

Prattsburgh Wind has been developing this project since 2019 and has attended numerous Town Board meetings in each of the towns as well as held several public information sessions through the development of the project in accordance with ORES guidelines. In addition to these efforts, the project has a website to provide information to the general public.

Applicability of the CLCPA goals regarding benefits to Disadvantaged Communities that would be realized with the development and construction of the Bid Facility.

This project is not located in a disadvantaged community area and is not expected to impact one.

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

Prattsburgh Wind has attended a number of engagement events over the years as detailed in our ORES application.

Details of the direct benefits to the community the Proposer will advance, which may include a local ownership stake in the facility, reduced energy bills for those with homes or businesses in the Bid Facility's vicinity, and/or other direct benefits.

Wind farms typically provided benefits from PILOT and Host Community Agreements and this project will be no different.

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

Negotiations are well underway on the Host Community Agreement with the Towns and preliminary discussions have been held with the IDA on a PILOT. It is expected that that HCA will be executed by Q2 2024.

Describe local interests and concerns, including identifying plans to thoughtfully build support for and respectfully respond to any opposition to the Bid Facility, including the Proposer's strategy to mitigate opposition.

The main concern expressed thus far has been with the possible visual and sound impact. The permitting process has thoroughly analyzed these impacts and also allowed for concerned stakeholders to express their concerns. ORES has issued a draft permit and any further issues can be brought up by stakeholders in the remaining portion of the permitting process.

Identify strategies the Proposer will use to mitigate concerns raised by the public regarding the Bid Facility, and if applicable, Energy Storage. This may include visibility and viewshed Impact mitigation efforts, accommodations to co-locate agricultural activities, or other issues of importance to the host communities.

There was a thorough study of sound and viewshed for the project in compliance with the standards set out under the 94-c siting law and those were reviewed by ORES prior to issuing their draft permit.

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

Feedback has and can be provided in person at Town Board meetings, through the website or by contracting the project manager directly.

Strategy for ensuring that public engagement events are widely attended by a representative cross section of host community residents.

Public notices have been provided, and advertisements made in local papers. In addition, the website will be used to provide notices.

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

There is an established best practices methodology for wind farm development that consults with both the agencies and the public. This will be used as the baseline and supplemented with any additional guidance from the Office of Renewable Energy Siting.