

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM PLAN

North Ridge Wind Farm Project St. Lawrence County, New York Case 16-F-0268

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TERM IDENTIFIERS

Project Area - includes all generating facility components, interconnections and related facilities

Study Area - as defined by 16 NYCRR 1000.2(ar), is the five mile radius around all generating facility components, interconnections and related facilities (the 5 mile radius around the Project Area)

Stakeholders – as defined by 16 NYCRR 1000.2(an), are those persons who may be affected or concerned by any issues within the Board’s jurisdiction relating to the proposed major electric generating facility and any decision being made by it

New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (“Siting Board”)

New York State Public Service Law (“PSL”)

Public Involvement Program (“PIP”) plan

Atlantic Wind LLC (“Atlantic Wind” or “Applicant”)

Avangrid Renewables, LLC (“AR”)

Wind Turbine Generators (“WTGs”)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Atlantic Wind LLC (“the Applicant”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables LLC (“AR”), is proposing to submit an Application to construct a major electric generating facility under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (“PSL”). Pursuant to the rules of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (“Siting Board”), applicants proposing to submit an application to construct a major electric generating facility under Article 10 must submit a Public Involvement Program plan (“PIP” or “Plan”). Under 16 NYCRR § 1000.4, the PIP must be submitted to the Department of Public Service (“DPS”) for review at least 150 days prior to filing a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS). This document is intended to be the PIP for the North Ridge Wind Farm Project (“NRWFP” or “the Project”). The Project is intended to be an approximately 100 megawatt (MW) wind powered electric generating facility proposed by the Applicant to be located in the Towns of Parishville and Hopkinton, in St. Lawrence County, New York (**Figure 1**). As required under 16 NYCRR § 1000.4, the Applicant’s PIP plan includes the following components:

- (1) consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders;
- (2) pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity;
- (3) activities designed to educate the public as to the specific proposal and the Article 10 review process, including the availability of funding for municipal and local parties;
- (4) the establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public and updates regarding the Project and the Article 10 process;
- (5) notifications to affected agencies and other stakeholders; and
- (6) activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholders in the certification and compliance process.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 COMPANY PROFILE

The Applicant, Atlantic Wind LLC, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables LLC (“AR”). AR is one of the largest producers of wind energy in the USA. AR is headquartered in Portland, Oregon, and has more than \$10 billion of operating assets totaling more than 6,000 megawatt (“MW”) of owned and controlled wind and solar generation in the United States. AR has developed over 50 wind farms in the United States alone including those in New York: Maple Ridge and Hardscrabble. Maple Ridge produces enough electricity to power up to 160,000 average New York homes. Hardscrabble features 37 American-made Gamesa wind turbines which produce enough electricity to power over 25,000 typical New York homes each year.

2.2 PROJECT SUMMARY

The North Ridge Wind Farm Project is a proposed 100 MW project located within the Towns of Hopkinton and Parishville, in St. Lawrence County, New York. The proposed Project Area is depicted in **Figure 1** and covers approximately 33.3 square miles. During the development phase of the Project, Atlantic Wind will lease approximately 8,000 acres of land, which will be spread out over this larger Project Area. However, once the Project is constructed, the proposed permanent improvements would utilize less than 100 acres, where turbines, collection lines, roads and facility components are constructed and buffers around these features are maintained. At that point, the vast majority of previously leased land will be released from lease agreements and would not be included in the Facility, once constructed.

The Study Area includes the Towns of Potsdam, Stockholm, Pierrepont, Colton, and Lawrence in St. Lawrence County; and the Towns of Dickinson and Waverly in Franklin County. The proposed Study Area is depicted in **Figure 2** and covers approximately 273.98 square miles, extending 5 miles in all directions from the Project Area's boundary.

The Project will be located on leased private land and easements that are rural in nature. The actual footprint of the proposed facilities will be located within the leased land, and will enable farmers and landowners to continue with farming operations or other land uses. The proposed Project consists of the construction and operation of a commercial-scale wind power project, including the installation and operation of up to 40 wind turbines, together with the associated collection lines (below grade and overhead), access roads, meteorological towers, and operation and maintenance (O&M) building. To deliver electricity to the New York State power grid, the Applicant proposes to construct a collection substation adjacent to a National Grid interconnection switching station which will interconnect with National Grid's Colton to Nicholville 115 kV transmission line. A 34.5 kV collection system will extend from the collection substation to the wind turbines. The North Ridge Wind Farm Project will have a nameplate capacity of 100 MW, and is expected to operate at an annual net capacity factor (NCF) of approximately 32%. This means that over the course of a full calendar year the Project would produce up to 280,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of energy (i.e., 100 MW x 24 hrs/day x 365 days x 32%). This will be enough electricity to meet the average annual consumption of approximately 25,000 households, based on an average annual electricity consumption for a U.S. residential utility customer of 10.932 megawatt hours (MWh), in 2014, and approximately 39,000 New York households, based on the average New Yorker's annual electricity consumption.¹

New York State lands, including Forest Preserve lands, are located within the Project and Study Areas, as indicated on **Figures 1 and 2**. Atlantic Wind will consult with the appropriate land managing agencies for the identified State lands, parks, and Management Units, including the St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District and the DEC. At this time, Atlantic Wind does not anticipate proposing the location of any Facility components on State lands. In the unlikely event that collection or transmission lines and/or access roads may need to cross or be located on State Forest Lands, Atlantic Wind would consult with the appropriate agencies. However, that is not contemplated at this time.

¹ Energy Information Administration (EIA) *Frequently Asked Questions: How Much Electricity Does an American Home Use?* Available at: <http://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.cfm?id=97&t=3> (last updated October 21, 2015; Accessed April 18, 2016).

Atlantic Wind will also review the planned St. Lawrence Foothills Unit Management Plan under development by DEC, as well as the St. Lawrence Flatlands Unit Management Plan in place for other portions of State land within the Study Area, to determine potential additional outreach to relevant groups involved in these planning efforts.

The proposed Project will have positive impacts on socioeconomics in the area through employment opportunities, specifically by generating temporary construction employment, the majority of which will likely be drawn from the St. Lawrence/Franklin/Lewis County labor market. Local construction employment will primarily benefit those in the construction trades, including equipment operators, truck drivers, laborers, electricians, carpenters and ironworkers and would create approximately 125 temporary positions over 12 to 18 months of construction. In addition, the Project operation will generate approximately 6 permanent full-time jobs, including a Plant Manager, Wind Technicians, and Project Administrator. The Project will also result in up to \$750,000 in increased annual revenues to County and local municipality tax bases, as well as up to \$500,000 per year in direct lease and easement payments to landowners. Further, Project construction and operation activities will yield additional, indirect economic benefits for the community, such as increased revenues for the hospitality industry and local commercial enterprises, through the purchase of local supplies and goods, use of local hotels and amenities, and patronage of local restaurants and eateries by the Project's temporary and permanent labor force. Construction activity and investment is expected to result in approximately \$3.25 million in local expenditures on goods and services during development and construction phases. Over the anticipated life of the Project, this would yield more than \$23 million in direct payments to municipalities, over \$15 million in direct payments to local landowners, and significant additional indirect socioeconomic benefits to the local economy.

2.3 STUDY AREA

In 16 NYCRR § 1000.2(ar), the Study Area to be used for analysis of major electric generating facilities is defined as “an area generally related to the nature of the technology and the setting of the proposed site. For large facilities or wind power facilities with components spread across a rural landscape, the study area shall generally include the area within a radius of at least five miles from all generating facility components, interconnections and related facilities and alternative location sites.” The proposed Study Area for the Project is depicted on **Figure 2**.

The PSS and the Application will further define the Study Area and will discuss Project alternatives. For purposes of the PIP, the Project Area has been defined broadly to include proposed land for the Project components included in the Project. As the Article 10 process develops, specific Project component locations will be identified, in compliance with the siting criteria referenced herein, and discussed with the public, stakeholders and the affected agencies through the PIP plan provided herein. It is presumed that any potential alternative component locations would be located within the municipalities identified herein.

With respect to initially identifying the Project Area, it should be noted that the selection of appropriate sites for a wind-powered electric generation facility is constrained by numerous factors that are essential considerations for a given project to operate in a technically and economically viable manner. Availability/quality of wind resource and proximity to the bulk power transmission system are

the initial screening criteria evaluated in the site selection process for any wind power project. The Applicant's initial evaluation was based on publicly available data, such as the *Wind Resource of New York, Mean Annual Wind Speed at 100 Meters* map prepared by AWS Truewind, along with site visits and capacity analysis for nearby transmission lines. Initial review of this wind resource map indicated the potential for a suitable wind resource in St. Lawrence County, and adequate access to the bulk power transmission system. Other important factors that increased the potential to develop a wind power project in the Project Area include willing land lease participants and host communities, and preliminary environmental assessments that have not indicated any significant wildlife or unique natural habitat concerns.

3.0 IDENTIFICATION OF STAKEHOLDERS

The fundamental first step in designing a Public Involvement Program is determining who may be affected by the proposed Project. The Applicant identified affected agencies and municipalities, utilities, host landowners, and other actual stakeholders based on utilizing DPS guidance; prior submissions of other Article 10 PIP plans; review of County GIS records, tax records, and personal visits; consultation with DPS general counsel and special environmental/regulatory counsel; and conducting internet research. Additionally, the Applicant considered the following in compiling its list of actual affected agencies and other actual stakeholders:

- The proposed locations of Project components within the Project Area;
- Study Area;
- The point of interconnection;
- Sign-in sheets from previously held public meetings and outreach efforts;
- "Local Party," as defined under 16 NYCRR §1000.2(s);
- "Affected Agencies," as that term is used in 16 NYCRR § 1000 et seq;
- Public interest groups;
- Host landowners who have a land agreement with Atlantic Wind LLC;
- Adjacent landowners with property abutting parcels, or within 500 feet of parcels, where Project components (e.g., wind turbines, collection lines, substation, met tower, O&M facility, etc.) are proposed, and any additional landowners within 2,500 feet of a turbine; and
- State and federal elected officials representing the Host and Adjacent Municipalities.

A master list of stakeholders, which includes all known, potentially interested parties, was developed based upon the combination of efforts described above (see **Exhibit A**). Sections 3.1 through 3.8 below, identify stakeholders by category. The Applicant anticipates that the List of Stakeholders and PIP plan will be updated as necessary based on information received during PIP activities and these updates will be provided to DPS along with the PIP tracking submissions.

The Applicant will develop a mailing list based on the stakeholders listed below and addresses solicited from public meetings and the Project website. The Applicant anticipates that the Notification List will be updated as necessary based on information received during PIP activities and these updates will be provided to DPS along with the PIP tracking submissions.

The Applicant will continuously work to identify stakeholders throughout the Article 10 process by: updating its mailing list as listed above, periodically reviewing the affected agency list to ensure its accuracy, updating the stakeholder list as property owners are identified, and by encouraging stakeholder involvement as outlined in this plan.

3.1 AFFECTED STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets
NYS Attorney General
New York State Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
NYS Office of General Services
NYS Governor's Office
NYS Department of Health
NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
NYS Department of Public Service
NYS Department of State
NYS Department of Transportation
New York Independent System Operator
Empire State Development Corporation
State Senator Betty Little, 45th Senate District
State Assemblywoman Janet L. Duprey, Assembly District 115 (Hopkinton, Lawrence, Dickinson, Waverly)
State Assemblyman Marc W. Butler, Assembly District 118 (Parishville, Potsdam, Stockholm, Colton)
US Senator Charles E. Schumer
US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand
US Representative Elise Stefanik, District 21
US Army Corps of Engineers
US Fish and Wildlife Service
US Federal Aviation Administration
US Department of Defense
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

3.2 LOCAL AGENCIES

St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce
St. Lawrence County Emergency Services
St. Lawrence County Planning Office
St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council

St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District
St. Lawrence County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board
Franklin County Emergency Services
Development Authority of the North Country
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Town of Hopkinton Highway Department
Hopkinton-Ft. Jackson Volunteer Fire Department
Town of Parishville Highway Department
Parishville Fire Department

3.3 MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN PROJECT AREA

St. Lawrence County
Town of Parishville
Town of Hopkinton
Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District

3.4 MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN STUDY AREA

Franklin County
Town of Potsdam, St. Lawrence County
Town of Stockholm, St. Lawrence County
Town of Pierrepont, St. Lawrence County
Town of Colton, St. Lawrence County
Town of Waverly, Franklin County
Town of Lawrence, St. Lawrence County
Town of Dickinson, Franklin County
Brushton-Moira Central School District
Brasher Falls Central School District
Potsdam Central School District
Colton-Pierrepont Central School District
St. Regis Falls Central School District

3.5 ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

Adirondack Park Agency
St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
Hurlbut Field Airport
Moores Airport
Adirondack Helicopters Heliport
Hendricks Field Airport

Massena Intl-Richards Field Airport
Thomas E. Perdue Heliport
Ogdensburg Intl Airport
Potsdam Muni-Damon Field Airport
Niagara Mohawk
Verizon
Time Warner Cable
Charter Communications
Open Access Telecom Network (DANC)

3.6 HOST AND ADJACENT LANDOWNERS

Host landowners are landowners with whom the Applicant has entered into a lease or easement agreement. Adjacent landowners are landowners with property abutting parcels, or within 500 feet of parcels, where Project components (e.g., collection lines, substation, met tower, O&M facility, etc.) are proposed, and any additional landowners within 2,500 feet of a turbine. The identities of potential host and adjacent landowners are determined from County GIS records, tax records, and personal visits by representatives of the Applicant. The final layout will be determined by incorporating further input from stakeholders, as well as processing data from fieldwork (e.g., avoidance of impacts to wetlands identified during field delineation efforts). Therefore, specific host and adjacent Landowner information is not included with this PIP. This information will be submitted with the PSS, as required by 16 NYCRR § 1000.5.

3.7 PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS

The Nature Conservancy
Friends of Higley Flow State Park
Northern New York Audubon Society
NY Public Interest Research Group

3.8 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL

The North Ridge Wind Farm Project will be subject to the rules contained in 6 NYCRR Part 487 promulgated by the NYSDEC for the analysis of environmental justice issues associated with projects subject to review and approval under Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law. Per NYSDEC Environmental Justice Policy CP-29, Potential Environmental Justice Areas include census block groups featuring populations that meet or exceed at least one of the following statistical thresholds:

1. At least 51.1% of the population in an urban area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
2. At least 33.8% of the population in a rural area reported themselves to be members of minority groups; or
3. At least 23.59% of the population in an urban or rural area had household incomes below the federal poverty level.

Based on data obtained from the NYSDEC’s Geospatial Information System (GIS) Tools for Environmental Justice (www.dec.ny.gov/public/911.html), Atlantic Wind has identified the presence of one Potential EJ Areas near the Project Area and within the Study Area. The Potential EJ Area is located in the eastern portion of the Town of Potsdam.

Because the Project Area is sited near a Potential Environmental Justice Area, a more in-depth discussion on these Environmental Justice areas, including the cumulative impact of existing sources of air pollutants and the projected emission of air pollutants from the proposed NRWFP, will be provided in the PSS and the Application pursuant to the Article 10 requirements set forth at 1000.5(l)(2)(xi).

4.0 LANGUAGE ACCESS

In 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(d), Article 10 regulations require the PIP to identify (1) any language other than English spoken according to United States Census data by 5,000 or more persons residing in any 5-digit zip code postal zone in which any portion of such zone is located within the Study Area for the facility; and (2) any language other than English spoken by a significant population of persons residing in close proximity to the proposed facility, alternative locations, or interconnections.

The Study Area for the Project includes portions of Franklin County; St. Lawrence County is a host municipality. According to the US Census Bureau data from the 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, 7.9% of St. Lawrence County residents age 5 or older speak a language other than English at home. With a 2014 population estimate of 105,698 persons in St. Lawrence County, this means approximately 8,332 people in the County speak a language other than English at home. In Franklin County, 7.1% of the 48,827 residents age 5 or older (approximately 3,465 persons) speak a language other than English at home.

The Study Area contains portions of eleven (11) 5-digit zip codes. Table 1 summarizes the most prevalent non-English languages spoken in each of these zip codes.

Table 1. Most Prevalent Non-English Languages Spoken in Study Area Zip Codes

Zip Code	Language	Number of Speakers
13676	Spanish or Spanish Creole	217
13625	French (including Patois, Cajun)	14
13687	Spanish or Spanish Creole	15
13696	None [Residents Speak Only English]	N/A
13697	Russian	50
12965	Yiddish/Persian	9/9
12980	Russian	24
12930	French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	8
13672	Spanish or Spanish Creole	5

12967	Other West Germanic Languages	114
13613	Arabic	52

As shown above in Table 1, no language other than English is spoken by more than 5,000 people residing in any zip code within the Study Area. (Source: Factfinder.Census.gov, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates).

5.0 PROPOSED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

According to 16 NYCRR § 1000.4(c), a Public Involvement Program must include: (1) consultation with the affected agencies and other stakeholders; (2) pre-application activities to encourage stakeholders to participate at the earliest opportunity; (3) activities designed to educate the public as to the specific proposal and the Article 10 review process, including the availability of funding for municipal and local parties; (4) the establishment of a website to disseminate information to the public; (5) notifications; and (6) activities designed to encourage participation by stakeholders in the certification and compliance process. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing, evolving process throughout all phases of the Article 10 review process (pre-application phase, application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-certification phase) intended to disseminate information regarding the Project to stakeholders, solicit information from those stakeholders during public outreach events and generally foster participation in the Article 10 review.

The Applicant has recently established a user friendly website in plain English that describes the Project (<http://www.avangridrenewables.us/northridge/index.html>). While still under development, this website will eventually describe the Article 10 process and provide Project updates throughout the development and construction phases of the Project to keep the community informed of the Project’s status (see Section 5.4 below for additional detail).

The following PIP elements will carry on through the duration of the Project:

- Project Representative (for the public and stakeholders to contact with questions, concerns, etc.):
North Ridge Wind Farm Project
c/o Jenny Briot
2 Radnor Corp. Ctr., Ste 200
100 Matsonford Rd,
Radnor, PA 19087
NorthRidgeWind@avangrid.com
- Local Project Contact Number:
Local calls: (315) 399-0486
Toll Free: 1-844-308-4616

These contact numbers will be available for interested persons to leave their Project comments in Voicemail messages which will be routinely monitored by the Applicant and logged in the PIP Tracking Logs, which will be filed on a bi-monthly basis. Members of the public seeking documents or information are asked to submit those requests in writing, by regular mail or electronic mail, to ensure their inquiries are answered in a timely manner. Further, individuals are encouraged to attend local information sessions and open houses to address any questions they may have for Project staff.

- Local Document Repositories:

HOPKINTON READING CENTER
7 Church Street
Hopkinton NY 12965
Phone: (315) 328-4113
Fax: (315) 328-4113

POTSDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
2 Park St.
Potsdam, NY 13676
Phone: (315)265-7230

HEPBURN LIBRARY
84 Main St
Colton, NY 13625
Phone: (315) 262-2310

Local document repositories will be updated with additional pertinent information as it becomes available.

The Applicant is in the process of determining whether to establish a local office within the Project Area. If one is opened, it will have office hours for members of the public to drop in and request information. The PIP will be updated to reflect the resolution of this issue, and notice of a location and hours will be provided both electronically, to stakeholders on the Party and Service Lists for this proceeding or who have requested such notice from Atlantic Wind directly, and on the Project Website, should an office be established.

5.1 CONSULTATION WITH THE AFFECTED AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS

Article 10 regulations require both general and specific consultations with affected agencies and municipalities. Affected agencies, listed above in Section 3.1 and 3.2, were identified through review of the Article 10 regulations in consultation with the Project's permitting counsel and environmental consultant. Affected municipalities are identified in Sections 3.3 and 3.4 above. Consultation with affected agencies and municipalities will include the following general steps:

1. The Applicant will make an initial contact with each agency or municipality to make certain they are aware of the Project and inform them of the Article 10 process, including steps for

intervenor funding and provide information on who to contact with any questions or comments about the Project or about Article 10;

2. Subsequent interaction with the agency or municipality as needed to answer specific questions or concerns about the Project, and to identify the applicable studies and impact analyses to be performed and how they pertain to the Project; and
3. Other specific consultations as required by the Article 10 regulations.

The goals of the initial consultation with each municipality or agency will be to consult with representatives, disseminate information, request information, and schedule follow up meetings and/or consultations, as appropriate. Specific information provided to the affected agencies and municipalities will include description of the Project and location; explanation the phases of the Article 10 process and how the agency or municipality can participate in each step; description of the available intervenor funding and the process for obtaining funding; information about other planned consultations; sources of additional information about the Project and Article 10 (e.g., the Project and Siting Board websites), and agricultural land and operations impacts. Information to be requested from affected municipalities and agencies may vary by the involvement of each (e.g., whether it is a host or adjacent municipality) but could include topics such as payment in lieu of tax agreements, highway work agreements, local laws, emergency response organizations, environmental impact review, contact information for public interest groups, and determination of which news sources are used for official notices.

It should be noted that, in accordance with 16 NYCRR 1000.5(g), comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement ("PSS") are due within 21 days after its filing with the Secretary. The Applicant intends to engage municipalities, agencies, and stakeholders throughout the PIP implementation process in order to identify their respective interests, and obtain information regarding particular resources, locations, concerns and recommendations of the affected municipalities, agencies and interests groups. Prior to filing the PSS, this will be accomplished through a variety of methods, including the various open house meetings, direct correspondence, review of any submitted comments on the website, and targeted meetings with some of the individual stakeholder entities identified herein. During these sessions, the Applicant will provide stakeholders with the approximate schedule for PSS submission and highlight the 21-day public comment period.

Consultations will be deemed successful if (1) the appropriate information about the Project and Article 10 process was provided to agency or municipality representatives, (2) the relevant information requested was gathered to help advance the PIP process and preparation of the Application, and (3) follow up meetings or consultations were either scheduled or will be scheduled, as needed.

Exhibit B lists the affected agencies and municipalities, as identified at the time this PIP was prepared, the goals and objectives of each consultation, and the plan for achieving these goals. Please note that many of these consultations have already been initiated.

5.2 PRE-APPLICATION ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE STAKEHOLDER PARTICIPATION

Through meetings with various Federal, State and local agencies, the Applicant has been engaging in some pre-application discussions with various stakeholders to provide information regarding early-stage development efforts, such as reaching out to potential landowners and determining potential locations for temporary meteorological test towers (“Met Towers”). Applicant has worked with officials in the Towns of Parishville and Hopkinton to gain approval for temporary Met Towers, which included some initial discussion of the Project generally, and prior open houses held in both Towns in 2010-2011. Applicant had previously installed two Met Towers in the Town of Hopkinton, which have since been removed. Currently, Applicant has one Met Tower in the Town of Parishville, and recently obtained permits for three additional temporary Met Towers in the Town of Hopkinton, which Applicant plans to erect by the end of July 2016. In addition, the Applicant continues to communicate with local officials, and will participate in future town board meetings. Applicant held a public information meeting in June 2016, with at least one future session prior to the submission of the PSS, tentatively planned for September 22, 2016, in Hopkinton. Public engagement activities Applicant has conducted since 2010 include:

- Open houses and Town Board meetings in 2010 and 2011
- Prior and recent approvals for temporary Met Towers in both Towns
- Meetings with Adirondack Park Agency, DPS and DEC in late 2015
- Recently reestablished contact with Town Supervisors (Parishville and Hopkinton) regarding the Project generally
- Working to establish a Project website and other contact options for local stakeholders

In addition to those engagement activities which have already taken place, the Applicant will continue pre-application activities to encourage stakeholder participation as set forth in the Agency/Municipality Consultations included in **Exhibit B** of this PIP, and in accordance with the Article 10 regulations. This table will be continuously updated as consultations and stakeholder participation activities take place, and additional means of engagement are identified (as necessary).

5.3 ACTIVITIES TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE PROPOSAL, PROCESS, AND FUNDING

As noted above, Applicant plans to attend Town meetings, is planning Applicant-sponsored public information sessions, will be distributing educational materials, and will provide a Project Website, which will offer information on the proposed Project, as well as links to and information on the Article 10 process, intervenor funding, and other important stakeholder issues. These efforts will allow Applicant to engage with all stakeholders regarding the proposed Project and will offer multiple avenues of information distribution, so that stakeholders and the public have multiple, varied opportunities to obtain information on the Project and participate in the proceedings. These efforts are discussed in further detail below.

5.3.1 Public Meetings

The Applicant held an open house style public meeting on the proposed project on June 15, 2016 at the Parishville Town Hall, in the Project Area. There, the Project team presented information on the

current proposal and the Article 10 process, answered questions from members of the public, and gained some insights into public outreach options for the community, such as the addition of a local news and events website, NorthCountryNow.com, as a method for disseminating notices of future meetings and important Project deadlines and milestones to the public. There was a short introduction from one of the Applicant's representatives, as well as one-on-one discussions with attendees around posters displaying Project information.

Prior to submittal of the PSS, the Applicant anticipates holding an additional session, currently planned for September 22, 2016, in Hopkinton, at which representatives from Atlantic Wind would be present. All public meetings held by the Applicant will be properly noticed in local newspapers, including the *Watertown Daily Times*, *Daily Courier Observer*, *The Adirondack Daily Enterprise* and local website NorthCountryNow.com, as well as the Project website, at least 14 days prior to the scheduled event.

5.3.2 Educational Materials

The Applicant will develop educational materials to inform the public about wind-generated energy, the proposed Project, intervenor funding, phases of construction, permitting and environmental studies, information about sound, and the Article 10 process generally. These materials will include poster-sized maps and graphics to be displayed at public meetings. In addition, more portable materials (e.g., factsheets or brochures) will be distributed at public meetings, and via local libraries, host municipalities, adjacent municipalities, and mailings to stakeholders and additional addresses obtained through public meetings and the Project website, and materials will also be available on the Project website. These materials will allow the public to learn more about the Project, and will include links to the Siting Board and Project websites. If necessary, these materials will also be produced in non-English languages (see Section 4.0 above for additional information regarding Language Access). Materials will include information on how to submit comments on the Project, as well as the DPS Case Number for the Project proceeding.

A number of downloadable and printable educational materials are available on the Project Website, at <http://www.avangridrenewables.us/northridge/index.html>.

The Applicant also plans to mail informational postcards directly to residents within the Project Area to provide information on the filing of, and comment deadlines for, the Preliminary Scoping Statement and Application.

5.4 WEBSITE

The Applicant has established and will continue to update and maintain a user friendly website in plain English that describes the Project (<http://www.avangridrenewables.us/northridge/index.html>). This website will provide information regarding the Article 10 process, and Project updates and information will be added as it becomes available, throughout the development and construction phases of the Project to keep the community informed of the Project's status. For example, additional maps will be added to the website as the Project layout evolves, and notices will be posted the website prior to various milestones and public meetings/outreach events.

Information to be posted to the website will include:

- Project description;
- Project benefits and need;
- Summary of permitting requirements;
- Links to the Siting Board Article 10 Public Information Coordinator, the Siting Board home page, and case-specific documents;
- Information on the Article 10 process;
- Summary of the Intervenor Funding process and how to apply;
- Instructions on how to be added to the Project's Service List or request informational mailings or notifications;
- Project layout figures and photo simulations/renderings;
- Project contact information, including email address and toll free telephone number;
- Copies of Article 10 and related licensing documents;
- Electronic copies of distributed educational materials;
- A schedule that lists dates/times/locations for outreach events and key milestone dates, such as when the application will be filed;
- Addresses of local document repositories; and
- Tracking Reports summarizing the Project's PIP activities to date, including summaries of stakeholder interactions, comments, and questions.

As indicated above, the website includes Project contact information (email address and toll free telephone number). The Applicant intends to respond directly to all substantive inquiries and comments submitted to the Project contact, and will document all such correspondence. Email and postal addresses collected through the website will be added to the master stakeholder list.

5.5 NOTIFICATIONS

The Article 10 regulations establish the notification requirements for serving documents. Pursuant to § 1000.7, Applicant shall publish all required notices in the *Watertown Daily Times* (newspaper of largest circulation), *Daily Courier Observer*, *The Adirondack Daily Enterprise*, and on local website NorthCountryNow.com.

No less than three days before filing of the Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) and the Application, the Applicant will publish a summary of the Application in the newspapers listed above; serve each member of the State Legislature in whose district any portion of the proposed facility is to be located; and shall provide written notice to those persons who have filed a statement with the secretary within the past twelve months that wish to receive all such notices. In addition, notifications will be posted on the Project website.

The Applicant will publish any other notices required by the Presiding Examiner or other section of Article 10 in the manner proscribed by the Presiding Examiner or under the procedures contained in Article 10. Notices will also be copied to the stakeholder list, in accordance with Article 10 regulations.

All public meetings held by the Applicant will be properly noticed in local newspapers, including the *Watertown Daily Times*, *Daily Courier Observer*, *The Adirondack Daily Enterprise*, and on local website NorthCountryNow.com, as well as the Project website.

5.6 ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Beyond the activities described above in Sections 5.1 through 5.5, the Applicant will identify additional, practical measures to encourage stakeholder participation during the certification process. It is anticipated that this will be an ongoing, evolving process throughout all phases of the Article 10 review process (pre-application phase, application phase, hearing and decision phase, and post-certification phase).

The Applicant will track its Public Involvement Program and provide regular updates to DPS Staff, Specifically, the Applicant will maintain a PIP Tracking Log, filed on a bi-monthly basis, that will provide specifics on all meetings, including dates, locations, attendees, purpose, and follow-up action items, and will include updates and/or advances in the Project. An example PIP Tracking Log is included as **Exhibit C** of this document.

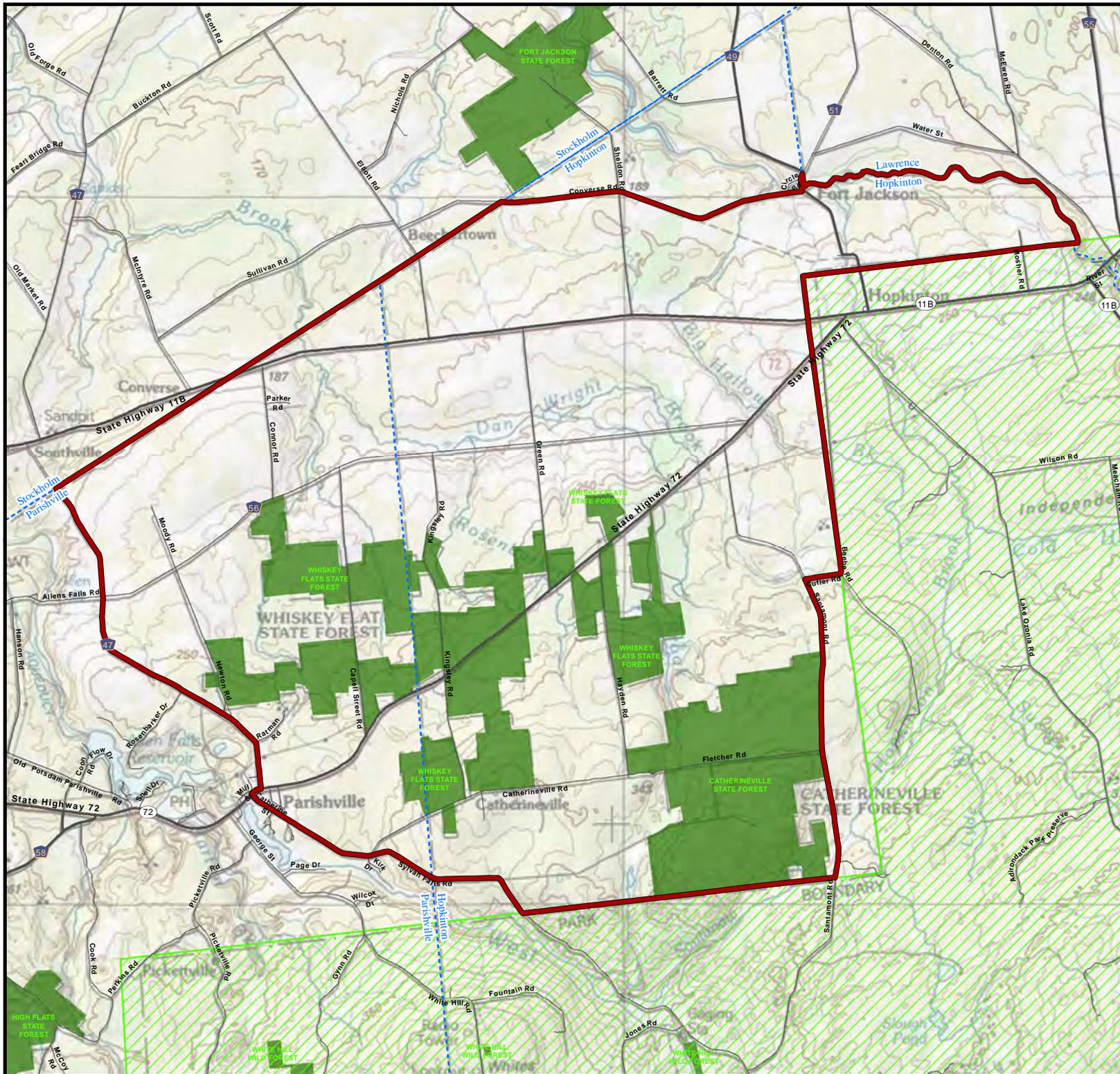
As previously stated, the Applicant intends to hold additional public meeting(s) prior to submittal of the PSS, anticipated to be on September 22, 2016. In addition, the Project website will be updated continuously with Project developments, meetings, and announcements to keep stakeholders and the public informed.

6.0 REQUIRED AIRPORT/HELIPORT PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1001.25(e) & (f), the Applicant shall coordinate with the Federal Aviation Administration, the Department of Defense, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to confirm possible affected airports or heliports near the location of the Project, or potential hazards associated with radio signal interference and air traffic control. Each federal entity will be contacted via phone call and/or letter to identify the operators and/or appropriate contact person.

Once the proper operator/representative is determined, the outreach to the operator of the public airport or public heliport will include another phone call, a follow-up letter, and, if necessary, a meeting to provide Project-specific information. The Project-specific information to be provided will include: a detailed map showing the Study Area, Project Area, and location of Project components; coordinates and dimensions for each proposed turbine; a description of the Project construction and operational phases; and a request for review of and comment. In addition, outreach to the Department of Defense will include an initial screening with a follow-up review of the proposed Project, if required. The Applicant will also consult with privately owned and operated airports/heliports that may be affected by the Project.

Figure 1
Project Area
North Ridge Wind Project

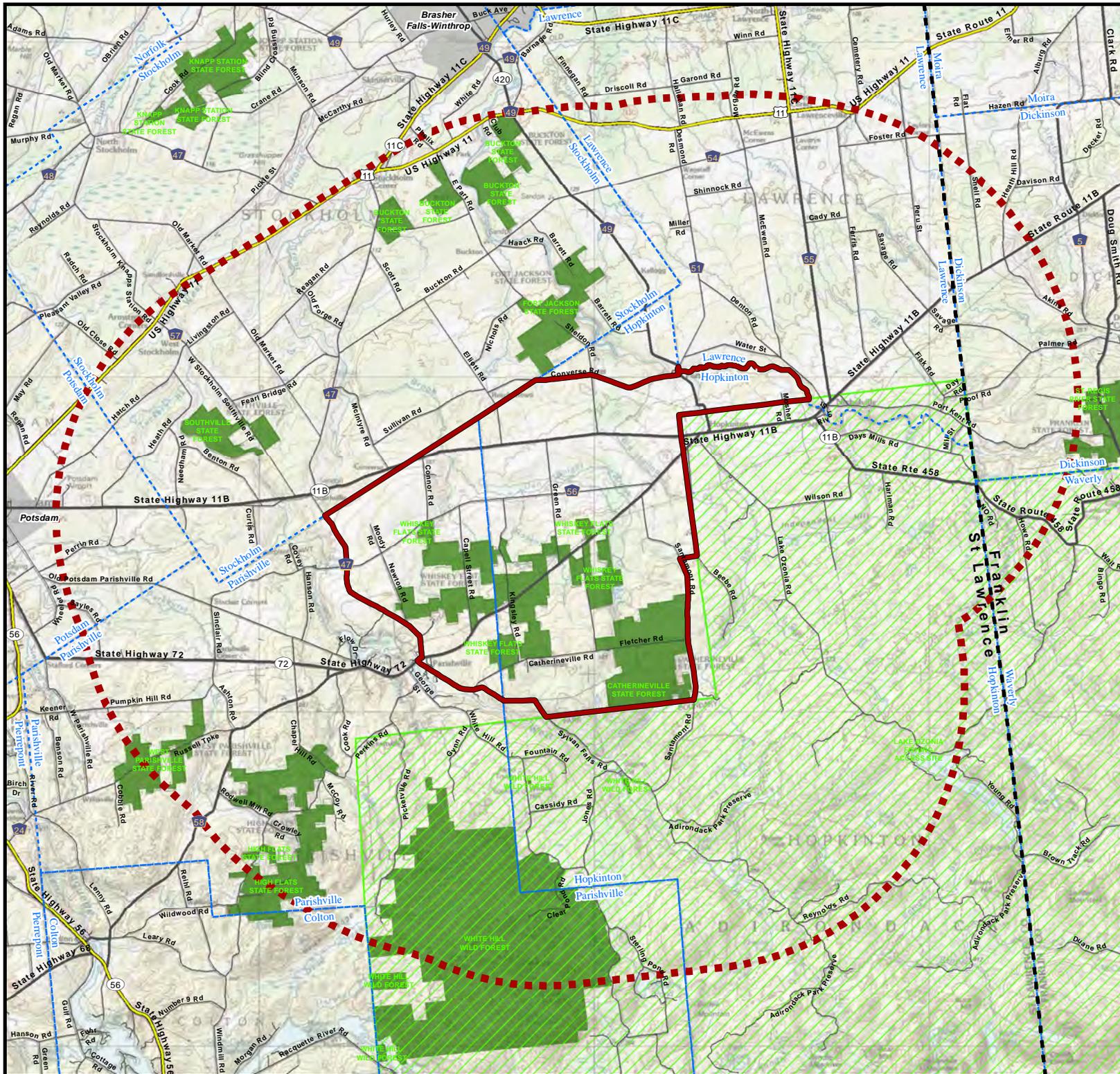


Legend

-  North Ridge Project Area
-  City/Town
-  Adirondack Park
-  State Lands
-  Major Highways
-  Highways
-  Major Roads
-  Local Streets



Figure 2
Study Area
North Ridge Wind Project



Legend

-  North Ridge Project Area
-  5 Mile Study Area
-  County
-  City/Town
-  Adirondack Park
-  State Lands
-  Major Highways
-  Highways
-  Major Roads
-  Local Streets



Exhibit A

Master List of Stakeholders and Notification List

AFFECTED STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

Richard Ball, Commissioner
10B Airline Drive
Albany, NY 12235

NYS Attorney General

Eric T. Schneiderman
State Capital Building
Albany, NY 12224

New York State Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)

Tom Lynch, Director of Government Affairs
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203-6399

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Basil Seggos, Commissioner
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Region 6 Headquarters
Judy Drabicki, Regional Director
317 Washington St.
Watertown, NY 13601

NYS Office of General Services

RoAnn Destito, Commissioner
41st Floor, Corning Tower
Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12242

NYS Governor's Office

Andrew M. Cuomo
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

NYS Department of Health

Cesar Perales, Secretary of State
One Commerce Plaza
99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12231

NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Jerome Hauer, Commissioner
1220 Washington Avenue
State Office Campus
Building 7A, Suite 710
Albany, NY 12242

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Ruth Pierpont, Deputy Commissioner
New York State Division for Historic Preservation
Peebles Island State Park
P.O. Box 189
Waterford, NY 12188-0189

NYS Department of Public Service

Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary
Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223

NYS Department of State

Rossana Rosado, Secretary of State
One Commerce Place
99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12231-0001

NYS Department of Transportation

Steven G. Kokkoris, P.E., Regional Director
Dulles State Office Building
317 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601

New York Independent System Operator

Michael Bemis, Board Chair
10 Krey Boulevard
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Empire State Development Corporation

Steve Hunt, North Country Regional Director
North Country Region: Watertown Office
Dulles State Office Building
Watertown, NY 13601

State Senator Betty Little, 45th Senate District

District Office
5 Warren Street
Suite 3
Glens Falls, NY 12801

State Assemblywoman Janet L. Duprey, Assembly District 115

District Office
202 U.S. Oval
Plattsburgh, NY 12903

State Assemblyman Marc W. Butler, Assembly District 118

District Office
235 North Prospect St.
Herkimer, NY 13350

US Senator Charles E. Schumer

15 Henry Street, Room 100AF
Binghamton, NY 13901

US Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand

100 State Street, Room 4195
Rochester, NY 14614

US Representative Elise Stefanik, District 21

120 Washington St., Suite 200
Watertown, NY 13601

US Army Corps of Engineers

Steve Metivier, Chief, NY Application Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch, Buffalo District Office
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14207

US Fish and Wildlife Service

David Stilwell, Field Supervisor
3817 Luker Road
Cortland, NY 13045

US Federal Aviation Administration

Carmine Gallo, Eastern Region Regional Administrator
1 Aviation Plaza
Jamaica, NY 11434

US Department of Defense

Steven J. Sample
Mission Evaluation Branch
3400 Defense Pentagon, Room 5C646
Washington, DC 10301

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
Herbert C. Hoover Building (HCHB)
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20230

LOCAL AGENCIES

St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce

Scott Goldie, President
101 Main St., 1st Flr.
Canton, NY 13617

St. Lawrence County Emergency Services

Michael Lecuyer, Director
Building #8
48 Court Street
Canton, New York 13617

St. Lawrence County Planning Office

Keith J. Zimmerman, Director
Room 255, County Courthouse
48 Court Street
Canton, NY 13617

St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council

Bob Zimmerman, Chair
Room 255, County Courthouse
48 Court Street
Canton, NY 13617

St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District

Raeanne Dulanski, Provisional Conserv. District Manager
1942 Old DeKalb Rd.
Canton, New York 13617

St. Lawrence County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board

Robert Andrews, Chair
Room 255, County Courthouse
48 Court Street
Canton, NY 13617

St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board

Debbie Christy
1942 Old DeKalb Rd.
Canton, New York 13617

Franklin County Emergency Services

Ricky Provost
55 Bare Hill Road
Malone, NY 12953

Cornell Cooperative Extension

St. Lawrence County
Patrick Ames, Executive Director
2043B State Highway 68
Canton, New York 13617

Development Authority of the North Country

Gary Turck, Chairman
317 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601

St. Lawrence County Highway Department

Donald R. Chambers, Director
44 Park Street
Canton, NY 13617

Town of Hopkinton Highway Department

Stephen Green, Highway Superintendent
227 County Rt. 49
Ft. Jackson, NY

Hopkinton-Ft. Jackson Volunteer Fire Department

Steve Parker, Chief
2876 State Hwy. 11B
Hopkinton, NY 12965

Town of Parishville Highway Department

Patrick Remington, Highway Superintendent
P.O. Box 246
Parishville, NY 13672

Parishville Fire Department

Jeff McGregor, Captain
PO Box 264
Parishville, NY 13672

MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN PROJECT AREA

St. Lawrence County

Ruth A. Doyle, County Administrator
Mary Lou Rupp, County Clerk
County Courthouse
48 Court Street
Canton, NY 13617

Town of Parishville

Rodney Votra, Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 246
Parishville, NY 13672

Town of Hopkinton

Susan Wood, Town Supervisor
7 Church St.
Hopkinton, NY 12965

Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District

Darin P. Saiff, Superintendent
12 County Route 47
Parishville, NY 13672

ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Franklin County

Kip Cassavaw, County Clerk
Sandra Perry, County Administrator
P.O Box 70
355 West Main Street, Suite 248
Malone, NY 12953

Town of Potsdam, St. Lawrence County

Rollin A. Beattie, Town Supervisor
18 Elm St
Potsdam, NY 13676

Town of Stockholm, St. Lawrence County

Clark Decker, Town Supervisor
P.O. Box 206
Winthrop, NY 13697

Town of Pierrepont, St. Lawrence County

Jane Powers, Town Supervisor
864 State Highway 68
Canton, NY 13617

Town of Colton, St. Lawrence County

Dennis B. Bulger, Town Supervisor
94 Main St.
Colton, NY 13625

Town of Waverly, Franklin County

Michael Bailey, Town Supervisor
123 Spring St.
St. Regis Falls, NY 12980

Town of Lawrence, St. Lawrence County

Victor R. Burnett, Town Supervisor
11403 US Hwy 11
N. Lawrence, NY 12967

Town of Dickinson, Franklin County

Tammy Daggett, Town Clerk
965 Co. Rt. 5
Dickinson Center, NY 12930

Brasher Falls Central School District

Robert Stewart, Superintendent of Schools
1039 State Highway 11C
P.O. Box 307
Brasher Falls, New York 13613

St. Regis Falls Central School District

Mr. Alan Tessier, Superintendent
92 North Main Street
PO Box 309
St. Regis Falls, NY 12980

Potsdam Central School District

Joann Chambers, Superintendent
29 Leroy Street
Potsdam, NY 13676

Colton-Pierrepont Central School District

Joe Kardash, Superintendent
4921 State Hwy. 56
Colton, NY 13625

Brushton-Moira Central School District

Donna André, Superintendent
758 County Route 7
Brushton, New York 12916

PUBLIC INTEREST GROUPS

The Nature Conservancy

Todd Dunham, Director of Stewardship, Adirondack Chapter
8 Nature Way
Keene Valley, NY 12943

Friends of Higley Flow State Park

Tom French, President
PO Box 249
Colton, NY 13625

Northern New York Audubon Society

Kendra Ormerod, President
P.O. Box 741
Tupper Lake, NY 12986

NY Public Interest Research Group

Albany - Legislative
107 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210

ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

NYS Adirondack Park Agency

Chairman Sherman Craig
P.O. Box 99
1133 NYS Route 86
Ray Brook, NY 12977

St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
Betty Roundpoint, Tribal Clerk
412 State Route 37
Akwesasne, New York 13655

Hurlbut Field Airport
c/o Arthur Hurlbut
2965 Cr 21
Canton, NY 13617

Moore's Airport (Degrasse, NY)
c/o Lloyd E. Moore
2522 Co Rt 27
Russell, NY 13684

Adirondack Helicopters Heliport
c/o Tseko T. Vachev
150 Morrison Road
Gouverneur, NY 13642

Hendricks Field Airport
c/o Lees Mobile Electric Service
P.O. Box 86
Gouverneur, NY 13642

Massena Intl-Richards Field Airport
c/o Town Of Massena
Joseph D. Gray, Supervisor
Main St - Town Hall
Massena, NY 13662

Thomas E. Perdue Heliport
c/o Massena Memorial Hospital
Robert G. Wolleben, CEO
1 Hospital Drive
Massena, NY 13662

Ogdensburg Intl Airport
c/o Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority
Wade A. Davis, Executive Director
Bridge Plaza
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Potsdam Muni-Damon Field Airport
c/o Village Of Potsdam
Reinhold J Tischler, Mayor
Civic Center, Po Box 5168
Potsdam, NY 13676

NYSEG (electric)
4125 Route 22
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Verizon (phone)
5002 South Catherine
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Time Warner Cable (cable TV)
277 Andrews Street
Massena, NY 13622

Charter Communications (cable TV)
68 Bridge Street
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Open Access Telecom Network (broadband/internet)
c/o Development Authority of the North Country
317 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601

LOCAL DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

HOPKINTON READING CENTER

7 Church Street
Hopkinton NY 12965
Phone: (315) 328-4113
Fax: (315) 328-4113

POTSDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

2 Park St.
Potsdam, NY 13676
Phone: (315) 265-7230

HEPBURN LIBRARY

84 Main St
Colton, NY 13625
Phone: (315) 262-2310

Exhibit B

Goals and Objectives of Stakeholder Consultation

Stakeholder	Consultation Goal	Implementation Plan and Schedule
<p>Host Municipalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Lawrence County • Town of Hopkinton • Town of Parishville 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community outreach - Solicitation of local feedback - Information dissemination on proposed Project; Article 10 generally; intervenor funding process; PSS/scoping process; Application; etc. - Collection of all information necessary for Article 10 Application, required studies, etc. - Identification of community concerns, local landmarks, land uses, and resources - Adjustment of study scope/methodology based on stakeholder input and concerns - Provide contact information for Project and opportunities for direct engagement with public - Review local laws to determine anticipated compliance or need for waivers - Consultation to inform the Applicant's estimate of incremental municipal, public authority, or utility operating and infrastructure costs that will be incurred for police, fire, emergency, water, sewer, solid waste disposal, highway maintenance and other municipal, public authority, or utility services during the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Information Sessions and attendance at local meetings—Sessions currently planned for June and November 2016 - Informational mailings - Launch and update Project Website - Establish a staffed local office, local contact phone number, and dedicated project email address to respond to inquiries and accept public comment - Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (at least 2 weeks prior to filing), etc. - Consult with appropriate officials/departments regarding specific topics, such as road use, visual impact assessment, land use and comprehensive plans, and to exchange other information sought by the Applicant or by Stakeholder communities - Provide timely public/stakeholder notices and information on public comment periods, scheduled meetings/information sessions, and opportunities for participation - Obtain all relevant local laws, building codes, comprehensive plans, zoning maps, etc.

	<p>construction and operation phases of the facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts
<p>Host School District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parishville-Hopkinton Central School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solicitation of local feedback - Information dissemination on proposed Project - Discuss impacts to school bus routes, district operating budget, and school operations, if any - Adjustment of study scope/methodology based on stakeholder input and concerns - Provide contact information for Project and opportunities for direct engagement with public - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information - Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (at least 2 weeks prior to filing), etc. - Consult with District to inform the Applicant's estimate of incremental school district operating and infrastructure costs due to the construction and operation of the facility - Work with school officials to develop transportation plans to minimize or avoid delays/traffic problems associated with construction of the Project - Schedule meetings and information sessions - Gather local feedback - Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts
<p>Host Community Highway Departments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York State Department of Transportation • St. Lawrence County Highway Department • Town of Parishville Highway Department • Town of Hopkinton Highway Department 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solicitation of local feedback - Information dissemination on proposed Project - Gather information on transportation routes, condition and capacity of local roads - Discuss impacts to transportation and local infrastructure during and after construction; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obtain and review Highway Department requirements for temporary radius improvements, transportation routes, and use of right-of-way - Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (at least 2 weeks prior to filing), etc.

	<p>transportation routes, improvements and use of right-of-way; and contingency plans in the event of an emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with highway officials to discuss concerns, potential impacts, avoidance/minimization strategies and potential mitigation - Work with local officials to develop transportation plans to minimize or avoid delays/traffic problems associated with construction of the Project - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information - Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts
<p>Adjacent Municipalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franklin County • Town of Potsdam • Town of Stockholm • Town of Pierrepont • Town of Colton • Town of Lawrence • Town of Waverly • Town of Dickinson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solicitation of local feedback - Information dissemination on proposed Project - Identification of community concerns, local landmarks, land uses, and resources - Adjustment of study scope/methodology based on stakeholder input and concerns - Provide contact information for Project and opportunities for direct engagement with public - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information - Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (at least 2 weeks prior to filing), etc. - Consult with communities to ascertain local concerns - Work with school officials to develop transportation plans to minimize or avoid delays/traffic problems associated with construction of the Project - Schedule meetings and information sessions - Gather local feedback - Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts
<p>Adjacent School Districts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brasher Falls Central School District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solicitation of local feedback - Information dissemination on proposed Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information - Initiate direct contact with local officials and boards

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brushton-Moira Central School District • Colton-Pierrepont Central School District • Potsdam Central School District • St. Regis Falls Central School District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts 	<p>regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (at least 2 weeks prior to filing), etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consult with District to ascertain local concerns - Work with school officials to develop transportation plans to minimize or avoid delays/traffic problems associated with construction of the Project - Schedule meetings and information sessions - Gather local feedback
<p>Emergency Response Organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Fire and Rescue Departments • St. Lawrence County Emergency Services • Franklin County Emergency Services • NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inform emergency responders about proposal, construction process, operation, potential impacts on transportation routes, and contingency plans - Solicitation of local feedback - Information dissemination on proposed Project - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information - Initiate direct contact with local agencies regarding upcoming Article 10 milestones, submission of PSS (at least 2 weeks prior to filing), etc. - Consult with departments to ascertain local concerns - Work with emergency responders to develop transportation plans and contingency plans to minimize or avoid delays/traffic problems associated with construction of the Project - Schedule meetings and information sessions - Gather local feedback - Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts
<p>Aviation and Defense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) • US Department of Defense (DoD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ascertain potential impacts of the project on radar, defense systems, flight paths, and facility operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request an informal Department of Defense review of the proposed construction or alteration, in accordance with 32 Code of Federal

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Airports/Heliports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjustment of study scope/methodology based on stakeholder input and concerns - Solicitation of stakeholder feedback - Information dissemination on proposed Project - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts 	<p>Regulations, Section 211.7; or a formal Department of Defense review of the proposed construction or alteration in accordance with 32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 211.6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAA consultations, as required by law, on potential impacts to airport operations and radar, as well as potential emergency lighting requirements - Consultations with stakeholders to identify any potential impacts to radar, flight paths, national defense, or other concerns - Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts - Identify the necessity of consultations with the operators of airports or heliports - Include outreach to inform such operators of the proposed facility and its location prior to the submission of the preliminary scoping statement - Pursue consultations with operators of airports and heliports that are non-military facilities, including providing a detailed map and description of such construction or alteration to such operators, and a request for review of and comment on such construction or alteration by such operators
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<p>Utilities/Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Telecommunications and Information Administration • National Grid • Verizon • Charter Communications • Open Access Telecom Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ascertain potential impacts of the project on communications infrastructure, energy transmission and interconnection, and the electric grid - Solicitation of stakeholder feedback - Information dissemination on proposed Project - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultations with stakeholders to identify any potential impacts to utility infrastructure, communications, grid reliability/security, etc. - Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information
<p>Environmental Agencies and Public Interest Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) • US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) • US Army Corps of Engineers • The Nature Conservancy • Northern New York Audubon Society • St. Lawrence County Environmental Management Council • St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District • St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ascertain potential impacts of the project on environmental resources, including avian and bat species, plants, wetlands, protected species and habitat, land use, public health and safety, emissions, noise, geology/soils, water resources, agricultural lands, and other matters of concern to stakeholders - Collection of all information necessary for Article 10 Application, required studies, etc. - Identification of agency concerns, state parks and scenic resources, wildlife management areas, conservation easements, protected lands and other resources - Adjustment of study scope/methodology based on stakeholder input and concerns - Consultation with agencies regarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review bird/bat studies with DEC and FWS to determine adequacy of scope and methodology, and compliance of proposed plan with established regulations, guidance and study protocols - Confer with DEC and Army Corps regarding wetlands delineations, stream crossings, and other relevant issues - Confer with DEC and FWS regarding potential concerns associated with endangered species, the need for incidental take permits, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act - Confer with DEC regarding Water Quality Certification requirements and process - Consultation to develop an acceptable input data set, including modeling for the Applicant's proposed facility and inputs for the emissions analysis

	<p>regulatory compliance, permit requirements, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solicitation of stakeholder feedback - Information dissemination on proposed Project - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation with the state agencies and authorities whose requirements are the subject of the State Laws and Regulations exhibit to determine whether the Applicant has correctly identified all such requirements, potentially required permits, etc. - Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information
<p>Agricultural Agencies and Stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (Ag & Mkts) • Cornell Cooperative Extension • St. Lawrence County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board • St. Lawrence County Soil and Water Conservation District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ascertain potential impacts of the project on agricultural resources - Consultation with agencies regarding regulatory compliance and agency guidance - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts - Adjustment of study scope/methodology based on stakeholder input and concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solicit feedback from stakeholders on any potential agricultural concerns unique to Project Area - Confer with Ag & Mkts regarding compliance with agency guidance and policies - Request information or guidance from stakeholders on potential agricultural impacts, as well as potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address those impacts - Consultation with the state agencies and authorities whose requirements are the subject of the State Laws and Regulations exhibit to determine whether the Applicant has correctly identified all such requirements - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information

<p>Historical/Cultural/Socioeconomic Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation • Empire State Development Corporation • St. Lawrence County Planning Office • St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce • Development Authority of the North Country • Friends of Higley Flow State Park • DEC (Environmental Justice Issues) • St. Lawrence County Recreational Trails Advisory Board • Forest Preserve and Parks user groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ascertain potential impacts of the Project on historical and cultural resources - Ascertain potential socioeconomic effects of Project - Consultation with agencies regarding regulatory compliance and agency guidance, as well as regional and local long-term planning efforts and development goals, Comprehensive Plans, etc. - Identify resources and landmarks of local concern - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts - Adjustment of study scope/methodology based on stakeholder input and concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation in accordance with Section 14.09 of the New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law and/or Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act, - Consultation with OPRHP and DPS regarding cultural resources studies and to determine the need for and scope of work for any required Phase II cultural resources study - Consultation to establish representative viewpoints for the photographic simulations of the facility and interconnections - Gather information on resources and landmarks of local concern for cultural impact assessment - Develop information on potential socioeconomic effects of Project, including job creation, tax revenues, and incidental effects on local business and industry - Schedule meetings and information sessions - Gather local feedback - Consultation with the state agencies and authorities whose requirements are the subject of the State Laws and Regulations exhibit to determine whether the Applicant has correctly identified all such requirements - Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts
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<p>Energy Agencies and Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYS Department of Public Service (DPS) • NY Independent Systems Operator • New York State Research and Development Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ascertain potential impacts of the project on energy transmission and interconnection, and the electric grid - Discuss the Project’s compliance with state energy planning objectives - Solicitation of stakeholder feedback - Information dissemination on proposed Project - Develop avoidance, minimization and mitigation plans to address potential Project impacts - Achieve compliance with Article 10 regulatory requirements, an adequate PIP and PSS, a complete Application, etc. - Adjustment of study scope/methodology based on stakeholder input and concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation to develop an acceptable input data set, including modeling for the Applicant's proposed facility and inputs for required emissions and electric system effects analysis - Work with NYISO to coordinate System Reliability Impact Study (SRIS) - Confer with stakeholders to ascertain the ways in which the Project will advance state energy planning objectives and be consistent with the State Energy Plan and state policy - Consultation with the state agencies and authorities whose requirements are the subject of the State Laws and Regulations exhibit to determine whether the Applicant has correctly identified all such requirements - Consultation to identify applicable requirements to be used to demonstrate the degree of compliance with all relevant applicable

		<p>reliability criteria of the Northeast Power Coordinating Council Inc., New York State Reliability Council, and the local interconnecting transmission utility, including any criteria regarding blackstart and fuel switching capabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures to address identified impacts - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information
<p>Other Affected Federal and State Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYS Department of Health • NYS Attorney General • NYS Office of General Services • NYS Department of State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact Stakeholders - Disseminate Information regarding Project, Article 10, and intervenor funding - Provide contact information - Identify any specific issues or concerns - Schedule follow up meeting(s) and consultation(s), as appropriate - Adjustment of study scope/methodology based on stakeholder concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation with the agencies and authorities whose requirements are the subject of the Laws and Regulations exhibits to determine whether the Applicant has correctly identified all such requirements - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information - Ensure scope and methodology of public health and safety studies are adequate to address stakeholder concerns
<p>Elected Representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYS Governor’s Office • State Senator Betty Little, 45th Senate District • State Assemblywoman Janet Duprey, Assembly District 115 • State Assemblyman Marc Butler, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact representatives - Disseminate Information regarding Project and provide contact info - Identify any specific issues or concerns - Schedule follow up meeting(s) and consultation(s), as appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information - Direct contact through telephone calls, mailings, meetings and discussions, as appropriate

<p>Assembly District 118</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Senator Charles Schumer • US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand • US Representative Elise Stefanik, 21st Congressional District 		
<p>Other Stakeholders/Agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adirondack Park Agency • St. Regis Mohawk Tribe • NYS Public Interest Research Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact Stakeholders - Disseminate Information regarding Project, Article 10, and intervenor funding - Provide contact information - Identify any specific issues or concerns - Schedule follow up meeting(s) and consultation(s), as appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide timely stakeholder notices and information - Direct contact through telephone calls, mailings, meetings and discussions, as appropriate

