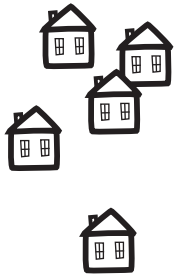


Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) - Main Tier Contracts

1 Industrial Wind companies “prospect” for wind projects in our small communities.*



2 Since Industrial Wind needs a market for their electricity, they have several options. Some are:

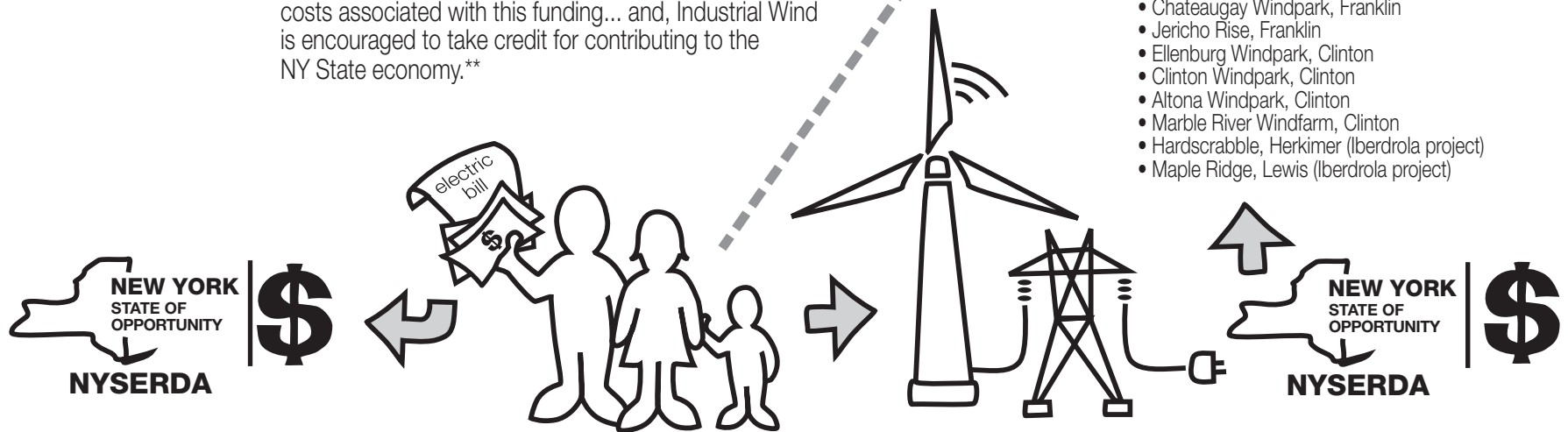
- 1** sell at spot price into wholesale market (NYISO). This is not reliably profitable, since the price fluctuates, and turbines may not be generating at the most profitable times to sell.
- 2** partner with a local manufacturer to receive and use the electricity. However, wind is unreliable and does not always provide power when the business may need it.
- 3** partner with NY State agency by being awarded an **RPS** contract for up to 95% of that electricity and calls those megawatts RPS “attributes”. They are then converted to REC “certificates” that your utility company is mandated (forced) to buy and pass the cost on to you. You are then mandated (forced) to pay “premiums” for the green energy contracts with a line item (SBC) charge on your electric bill. Money goes back to the NY State agency to fund green energy projects. Essentially you are paying the land owners’ leases, PILOTs, etc., as well as all the administration costs associated with this funding... and, Industrial Wind is encouraged to take credit for contributing to the NY State economy.**

3 A big consideration in planning these projects is winning a contract to “partner” with taxpayer funded NY State agency for clean energy funding. If the “prospected” town’s current laws do not support a large enough project to qualify for a Main Tier contract, the wind company will lobby NY State agency and the small town for changes to the local laws to accommodate their project. Without a partner the project will not be built.***

Small town citizens must monitor changes to those same laws to ensure health, safety & property value protections. First, they must teach themselves about an entire multi-billion dollar industry without any resources then, defend and present evidence from existing projects as justification for their concerns. The very same state agency that created this system with the wind industry[†] and your subsidy money have key seats on the board determining whether local laws will stand using Article 10 regulations and the power of all other state agencies at their disposal.****

Partial list of projects with NY State Main Tier contracts: **

- Chateaugay Windpark, Franklin
- Jericho Rise, Franklin
- Ellenburg Windpark, Clinton
- Clinton Windpark, Clinton
- Altona Windpark, Clinton
- Marble River Windfarm, Clinton
- Hardscrabble, Herkimer (Iberdrola project)
- Maple Ridge, Lewis (Iberdrola project)



sources: *Avangrid September 2016 - March 2017; **NYSEDA annual reports 2005 - 2016; ***Hopkinton Public Meeting- March 2017; [†]NYSEDA white paper and NY energy toolkit; ****PSC website 2011 Cuomo signs Article 10. We encourage you to further research these topics to better educate yourself, your friends and family. Visit our website and use the source links to view video, documents and explore other websites for more information.