

Town of Glen Planning Board

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7 Erie Street

Fultonville, NY 12072

Re: Follow up to response received to my questions

Dear Representatives -

I would like to express the following as a follow up to the answers that I received to my questions:

Town of Glen Replies:

Q3 – The intent of this is to understand how the Wind Turbine will be connected and where. Borrego only states on Reynolds Road, however (as stated in another part of my questions – Borrega Q4) there is no interconnect available adjacent to the project. I feel that it is important to know the actual details of the physical connection to the grid, as this is now unclear, but will require more construction (probably National Grid) that can't be considered if it is unknown.

Q5 – the details of the bond should include an annual review and adjustment of the amount based on market conditions.

Q6 – refers to securing payment of any promised revenue stream to the Town that is not made, not decommissioning.

Q8 – I would think enough of the components and considerations would be close enough to at least talk with these people. There would be great insight provided regardless of the configuration, especially resident input on visual, sound and other consideration. Given this only requires phone calls/e-mail on the board's action, I would think this would be a valuable part of the due diligence process.

Q9-12, Q34 – The tax revenue and host community revenue should not be less than what a \$5MM industrial facility would pay – regardless of how it is broken up – if the PILOT is less than this amount, the host community portion should make up the difference. Can this project (if approved) be contingent on a guaranteed revenue stream? Other major industrial projects in other cities have also received good will projects like town parks, community centers, and support for Volunteer Organizations that benefit all community members (such as fire departments). Most of the questions about revenue are answered by "it will be decided later (Borrego Q7 & 8)" – That is like ordering a meal and not knowing the price, and then getting a bill for a \$100 hamburger. How can a project be considered without knowing the financial aspect?

Q15 – as elected officials (as well as taxpayers), I would have thought that you would be doing this as well.

Borrego Replies:

Q1 – since they state that this is the "only viable location" in the town, can we assume no more applications would be proposed?

Q3 – Agreed these may be confidential, however, board members (via executive privilege) should be informed of any agreements, to understand who and why they were made. This would provide oversight

of any non-disclosed strategies, as well as any conflict of interest concerns. It should be part of the due diligence, but would not need to be publically disclosed.

Q4 is a specific question as to where the connection will be made. It is not answered and it references Q29 in the answer which is an unrelated topic.

Q5 – does not answer the question. This is a specific question on to how the evaluation was done – using actual data obtained by site sampling or other methods?

Q9 + Q19 – this disputes the information here – New York is specifically mentioned;

<https://carbonfund.org/carbonfund-orgs-renewable-energy-carbon-credits/>

Q11 – I would like this statement explained on how dumping this much supply to a local connection is dissipated with no effect on residents. What if we experience problems after this is installed?

Q12 – the answer is not clear. Are they saying this turbine will spin 90% of the total hours in one year, and produce full load (4.2 Mw) for a total of $(365 * 24 * .9 * 4.2 \text{mW})$? If yes, then the assumptions for supplying the 1200 homes need to be explained. Also, we don't have 1200 homes in the area that would choose to buy from this turbine. Where does the rest of the energy go?

Q16 & Q21 – with technology that exists, this seems to be a very easy question to answer as they have several months' worth of data

Prime AE Questions:

Q6 – how does the Town adopt a “Wind Energy Law” going forward? Are there other laws (regarding noise) that apply to industrial facilities? Borrego has referred to this as an Industrial Turbine – should it be compliant with laws that cover Industrial facilities as well?

Q8 – Is the town planning to take advantage of this provision to hire a firm at Borrego's expense?

I feel this project involves a considerable, continued amount of due diligence by the Board. The impact of this project is long lasting and multi-faceted.

I am hopeful that the board will continue to scrutinize every aspect of this.

I still remain opposed to this project, based on my view that there is no perceived benefit financially to the town, or as a contribution to a responsible energy management plan.

Sincerely – Doug Wadsworth, Life Resident, Town of Glen

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