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February 23, 2017

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Subject: Visual Impact Survey Request - Eight Point Wind Energy Center

Dear Mr./Ms. [XXXXXX]:

This letter serves as an information request concerning the development of a proposed wind energy facility, the Eight Point Wind Energy Center, in Steuben County, New York, by Eight Point Wind, LLC (the Applicant), a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC. The Applicant plans to submit an Application to construct a major electric generating facility under Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law (PSL) for the Project. 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 under Article 10 of the PSL must submit a Public Involvement Program (PIP) plan and solicit input to inform the development and review process.

Specifically, this letter request is in regards to the requirements of Sections 1001.20 b and 1001.24 b(4) of the PSL concerning Exhibit 20 (Cultural Resources) and Exhibit 24 (Visual Impacts) of the Application. As required for Exhibit 24, a Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) shall be provided to the Siting Board to determine the extent and assess the significance of facility visibility. The VIA will, in part, identify sensitive resource areas susceptible to visual impacts from the proposed Project and present photographic simulations of the proposed Project's facilities in relation to selected viewpoints. The VIA also supports requirements for Exhibit 20, which takes into account sites or structures listed in or eligible for listing in the National or State Register of Historic Places (NRHP/SRHP) within the project view area.

Enclosed with this letter is a progress report on the VIA. It provides a detailed overview of the work that has been done to date on the VIA including the status of visualization studies, site visits, and background information on the VIA process.

In compliance with Article 10 regulations, we are herein requesting your input as part of the Applicant's consultations with local historic preservation groups, municipal planning representatives, and State agencies, in its selection of important or representative viewpoints that may be subject to project visibility.

Preliminary visual analyses and site investigations are in progress. The purpose of this letter and the enclosed Progress Report is to:

- Provide the reader with the extent and findings of visibility studies thus far, and
- Request the timely input from municipalities, local preservation groups, and other agencies in identifying any additional sensitive visual resources important to the community within the project study area over what is provided herein, and/or,
- Provide opportunity for municipalities to suggest additional and reasonable candidate locations for photo-simulations (before and after depictions of project) in areas of their concern. It should be noted this request is confined to areas with public access.

Please review the candidate viewpoints listed in Table 1, and shown in Figure 2 of the enclosed Progress Report.

Please also review the inventory of visual resources in Table 2 of the Progress Report for completeness.

If you feel that the identified visual resources and candidate viewpoints provide an adequate representation of the Project for the purposes of preparing the VIA, no further action on your part is necessary. However, if there are other public locations of concern, currently not depicted, where you would like to suggest that additional representative photos be taken, or if there are any additional visual resources that are important to note, please provide your comments or feedback, with an explanation of why you feel that location/viewpoint should be included.

Any comments or feedback you may have are **requested by March 17, 2017** and should be sent to either of the following:

- Via email to Judy Bartos: JBartos@trcsolutions.com
- Via a letter to:
Judy Bartos
TRC Companies, Inc.
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Thank you for your attention to this request. We appreciate your input and assistance identifying significant sensitive visual areas.

Best regards,



Judy Bartos, Visualization Specialist
TRC Companies, Inc.



From: Dirlam, H. Kier
To: [Bartos, Judith](#)
Subject: Eight Point Wind Energy Center
Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017 8:57:14 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

I have looked through the packet you had submitted. Originally I had planned to have the County Planning Board review the information and comment on it at their meeting that was scheduled for March 15th but we had the back end of the blizzard conditions come by so we cancelled that meeting.

Here are my rather limited comments:

1. Thank you for keeping our County in mind. Spelling is Allegany not the Pennsylvania version of Allegheny. This misspelling is pervasive throughout the entire document.
2. I look forward to seeing the visual study photos with the actual wind towers on them as it is hard to imagine what we will be seeing from the current photos.
3. Alfred: The items noted in Alfred on the NRHP are mostly located on the west side of the hill or deep in the valley so are fairly unlikely to be able to see the facility I think. I would think that some high points along County Route 12 [Jericho Hill]; NYS 244 and perhaps NYS 21 in Alfred / Andover would be more likely to see the proposed facility. Perhaps you could find some of those if they make sense.
4. Andover: The Village and its surrounding area are a concern from an aesthetic perspective. The Hills may be in the way so this may not be a problem but I find that it is a negative deal in Naples area where they have to look at them when they are in a different community and get no benefit so this would apply here also.
5. Independence/Whitesville: The Hamlet of Whitesville seems like the community in our county that will be most likely to be visually impacted and so I would be interested in seeing these. Their Town should be given an opportunity to comment.
6. On the Figures 1, 2 and 3 Genesee is misspelled consistently.
7. I don't know if you sent these to each Town and Village for their review. I think that if there is a follow-up with the mock-ups that would be good for all the potentially affected Towns and Villages to at least be notified. In our County that would include the Villages of Alfred, Andover and Wellsville; The Towns of Willing, Independence, Andover, Wellsville, Scio, Alfred and Ward according to the 10 mile radius map.

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Attn.: Judy Bartos

Ms. Bartos:

We are in receipt of your letter and associated documents of February 23, 2017. In this letter you requested preliminary comments on impacts to both cultural resources and visual resources, for the proposed Eight Point Wind Energy Center.

We will not be providing comments related to cultural resources, as this is outside the purview of this agency. We expect that you are in touch with the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) which acts as the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in this matter.

In a similar manner, we cannot comment for those state forests located in and administered by NYSDEC, Region 9. You should be in touch with the Regional Forester for this Region for their comments. This person can be reached as follows: NYSDEC, Allegany Sub-Office, 182 East Union Street, Suite 3, Allegany, NY, 14706, Attn.: Regional Forester

In all of the following the term "DEC" is meant to refer to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 8.

As regards the visual impact assessment:

1. For the state forests, in the study area, located in NYSDEC Region 8:
 - a. None of these units contain developed recreation facilities. The primary recreation uses are dispersed uses, such as hiking, hunting, trapping, nature study, etc.
 - b. Rock Creek State Forest did, at one time, contain a corridor snowmobile trail which was under an Adopt –a- Natural Resource agreement between Ten Towns Snowmobile Club and the DEC. We have been unable to contact this group for several years. We believe that it has ceased to function. The trail itself continues to exist, subject to user maintenance. We can provide a generalized routing, if you find that helpful.

- c. All state forests in Region 8 are subject to Volunteer Service Agreements, which lend themselves particularly to the development of trails and other dispersed recreation facilities of this type. While our current comments will reflect the current situation, you should understand that the situation could / will change over time, perhaps significantly.
- d. We believe that your selection of the various photo points for this project will adequately reflect the visual impacts to the local area, and most particularly to the views from the state forests in this group.
- e. We believe that visual impacts may vary, depending on season of the year. For this reason, we are suggesting that your photo points and overlays be produced for both leaf off and leaf on seasons.
- f. We will be very interested to see the photo simulations for this area, and may have further comments at that time.

2. For the region, in general:

- a. This type of facility does tend to dominate the landscape. If there are ways in which the facility can be made to "blend in" to the surrounding landscape a bit better, we believe this will work to your advantage.
- b. You should also be in touch with the DEC Division of Fish and Wildlife to assess possible impacts to wildlife populations, particularly avian and bat species. They can be reached at: NYSDEC, 6274 Avon-Lima Rd. (Rtes. 5 and 20), Avon, NY 14414-9516.

In conclusion, thank you for seeking comments early in the process. We look forward to following the proposed Eight Points Wind Energy Center project closely.



Mark Gooding
Regional Forester

cc: file, Region 9, Natural Resources Supervisor

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