



New York Energy Highway
Request for Information (RFI)

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123 Main Street, 16th Floor
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RE: New York Energy Highway Request for Information (RFI)

Dear Mr. Quiniones:

We appreciate you giving Noble Environmental Power, LLC ("Noble") the opportunity to submit the following response to the New York Energy Highway Request for Information ("RFI"). As the largest wind energy facility owner and operator in the State of New York, we greatly appreciate the proactive approach of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the Energy Highway Task Force for addressing the critical and challenging issue of improving the New York State transmission system infrastructure.

Since 2008, Noble has been the leading wind owner and operator in the State of New York with a 612 megawatt portfolio of six windparks located in Northern New York (Altona, Chateaugay, Clinton, & Ellenburg Windparks) and Western New York (Bliss & Wethersfield Windparks). Noble and its project stakeholders have made a significant financial investment in the State of New York and have provided substantial economic benefits to the communities in which our windparks are located. These investments and benefits include:

- The creation of hundreds of jobs during the construction phase of our windparks and the creation of a significant number of long-term, well-paying jobs during the operation phase of our windparks. Noble has invested in the New York workforce by hiring and training residents from our local and regional New York communities;
- Easement payments to landowners and payments to local governments which provide a significant source of income to the local communities in which we operate; and
- The expected generation of over \$400,000,000 in local economic benefits for the State of New York over the 20 year life of our windparks.

Noble is committed to continuing to provide renewable energy throughout the State of New York and fully understands the challenges that lie ahead in expanding and rebuilding our in-state transmission system infrastructure. We firmly believe that new transmission within the State of New York is essential to continuing to foster new and existing renewable energy projects which will ultimately provide better opportunities for in-state renewable power sales. Again, Noble appreciates the challenges the Energy Highway Task Force is facing in quantifying the value in the varied responses to this RFI and is willing to offer its operating windparks as part of the solution to provide renewable energy throughout the State of New York.

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On behalf of the entire team at Noble, we look forward to continuing to support Governor Cuomo and the Energy Highway Task Force with the goal of providing all the necessary information required to identify and evaluate the renewable energy value that can be delivered from all six of our operating windparks as additional transmission projects are identified throughout this process. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our existing projects with your team and are excited about the possibility of Noble further serving New York's growing renewable energy needs. If you would like to discuss this RFI response please contact:

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of Noble's position.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C Kay Mann".

Kay McCall Mann
President & Chief Executive Officer