



Cassadaga Wind Project Chautauqua County, New York

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memorandum

To: Seth Wilmore, Cassadaga Wind LLC **EDR Project No:** 14048
From: Ben Brazell
Date: September 3, 2015
Reference: Cassadaga Wind Project
Preliminary Scoping Statement – Distribution List and Notices

Comments:

As required by 1000.5(c) of the Article 10 Regulations, the following represents the distribution list for the Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) for the Cassadaga Wind Project. As you are aware, the NYSDEC has agreed to one paper copy and one electronic copy for their Central Office and Region 9 Office, and the NYSDOH has agreed to one paper copy and one electronic copy (see attached email correspondence). Please also find attached proof of publication of the required PSS notice.

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Assemblyman Andy Goodell
Assembly District 150
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Senator Catharine Young
NYS 57th District
307 Legislative Office Building
188 State Street
Albany, NY 12247

Copies To: Jim Muscato
Project File

Document Service Correspondence

From: [Edick, Rudyard \(DEC\)](#)
To: [Seth Wilmore](#)
Subject: RE: Cassadaga Wind PSS Submission
Date: Friday, August 28, 2015 11:53:11 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

The difficulty we run into is with the maps. Many reviewers prefer paper copies. However, as long as there was a single paper copy at both the region and here – it should be OK.

From: Seth Wilmore [mailto:SWilmore@Everpower.com]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 11:51 AM
To: Edick, Rudyard (DEC)
Subject: RE: Cassadaga Wind PSS Submission

Hi Rudyard,

Thanks for quickly getting back to me. It is the Article 10 regulations. Specifically it is 1000.5 c (1). And I should not have stated 3 electronic copies below, really we would be submitting it electronically (obviously you can't have 3 electronic copies really).

Thanks for checking into this. We also have to submit 3 copies to the Regional DEC office and was hoping we could also do that as a single paper copy and then electronically or completely electronically.

Seth

From: Edick, Rudyard (DEC) [mailto:rudyard.edick@dec.ny.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 11:46 AM
To: Seth Wilmore
Subject: RE: Cassadaga Wind PSS Submission

Hi Seth,

Which regulation are you referring to regarding the 4 paper copies? PSC (Andy Davis) oversees the Article 10 process.

However, please tell which regulation you are referring to and I will do my best to get an answer.

From: Seth Wilmore [mailto:SWilmore@Everpower.com]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 11:42 AM
To: Edick, Rudyard (DEC)
Subject: Cassadaga Wind PSS Submission

Good morning Rudyard,

I hope all is well with you. For our Cassadaga Wind project, we are planning to file it and mail paper

copies no later than next Friday, September 4th. In the regulations it states that 4 paper copies have to be filed with the DEC at its central office. It is a significant cost to print and produce all these copies of the document (not to mention what it will take for the application). So I wanted to see if you would be ok if we provided only electronic copies or 1 paper copy and then 3 electronic copies.

If you are not able to answer this question, would you be able to point me in the correct direction of the person who could?

Thanks,

Seth

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Associate Director, Environmental Affairs



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From: [Spliethoff, Henry \(HEALTH\)](#)
To: [Seth Wilmore](#)
Subject: RE: Cassadaga Wind Project PSS Submission Copies
Date: Friday, August 28, 2015 1:58:18 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Seth,

I am fine with DOH receiving one paper copy and an electronic copy. Thanks.

Henry

Henry M. Spliethoff | Research Scientist
Prevention and Sustainability Section - Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment
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From: Seth Wilmore [mailto:SWilmore@Everpower.com]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2015 1:52 PM
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Subject: Cassadaga Wind Project PSS Submission Copies

Henry,

Good talking with you. As discussed, if you could simply reply to this email confirming that you are fine with Cassadaga Wind filing one paper copy of the PSS to the commissioner of health and then also provide it electronically instead of two paper copies, that would be great.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you have. Thanks,

Seth

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Albany, New York
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O-159646 Aug. 25, 26, 2015
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Benjamin Brazell

From: Seth Wilmore <SWilmore@Everpower.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2015 9:33 AM
To: Benjamin Brazell
Subject: FW: Ad
Attachments: unknown.png; ATT00001.htm; everpower ad 83015.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Attached is the proof of publication in the weekly paper.

Thanks,

Seth

Seth Wilmore
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Begin forwarded message:

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To: Bill Spencer <BSpencer@Everpower.com>
Subject: Ad

Good morning Bill,

I have included a link to our website where you can see our paper digitally, along with a pdf scan of the physical page of the paper, for you to see your ad.

Have a great week!

If you need anything else please let me know.

Thanks,
Megan

http://issuu.com/communitypapersofwny/docs/gowanda_news_08-30-2015/18?e=14079457/15115136

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Erie County

September 15—October 15: No Penalty

October 16—November 2: with 7.5% Penalty

November 3—November 30: with 9.0% Penalty

December 1: Returned to Erie County to be re-levied on Town and County Tax Bill.

Markets, Club Accounts home checking and mobile banking Stephen Scott, Deputy Director of Planning stewarded the credit union board through the lengthy application process over the past three years.

Administration (NCUA) and operates the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund to protect accounts at the federal insured credit union up to \$250,000.

Persons eligible to become

to open in Salamanca in September.

The Cattaraugus office is on the first floor of the William Seneca Building and is open Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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September 1, 2015

Assemblyman Andy Goodell
Assembly District 150
LOB 545
Albany, NY 12248

Re: Notice of Cassadaga Wind, LLC Preliminary Scoping Statement, Case No. 14-F-0490

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