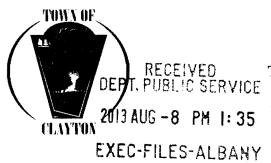
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August 2, 2013

Honorable Jeffrey Cohen Acting Secretary, NYS Board of Electric Generation Siting and the Environment 3 Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: PSC Case 12-F-0410 Cape Vincent Wind Power Project

Dear Acting Secretary Cohen:

The Town of Clayton, as a stakeholder in the Cape Vincent Wind Power project, recognizes that the adoption of PSL Article X has allowed applicants to utilize New York State's process rather than local zoning for siting all major energy generation facilities. While we understand the State's rationale behind the promotion of new sources of energy, we ask that strong consideration be given to Home Rule, as it has been a viable municipal management tool for decades. Article X is intended to balance the State's desire to increase alternative energy opportunities with the local land regulations created by individuals elected and appointed to serve their municipalities. Ultimately, the PSC must remember that these projects directly impact those that live, work and visit the communities surrounding the proposed projects.

The Town Board of the Town of Clayton is elected to represent our community and to make decisions that are in the best interests of the community as a whole. With that said, we, as a board are concerned about the current Cape Vincent Ordinance as it would allow a potential negative impact on the scenic vista from the St. Lawrence River.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact us at 315-686-3512, ext. 20. Thank you.

Respectfully

Town of Clayton Board

cc: Town of Cape Vincent Board