

November 12, 2012

Memorandum To: Urban Hirschey and John Byrne

From: Clif Schneider and Brooks Bragdon

**RE: ARTICLE 10 OUTREACH - BP OPEN HOUSE**

We both attended BP Alternate Energy's November 10, 2012 Open House in Cape Vincent and we were both underwhelmed.

BP showcased their latest 124-turbine layout, the same map that was on display at their October 23 meeting. Nothing was new in spite of the widespread criticism from the Towns of Cape Vincent and Lyme municipal officials.

We asked questions about what model turbine BP used in the latest layout and we were told they had not yet decided.

We asked questions about wind turbine noise limits and we were told they were not sure because they did not know which turbine model will be used.

We asked questions when would the Article 10 Siting Board's representatives come to Cape Vincent and at what time would they begin to hear testimony. We were told they didn't know and that these were good questions.

We asked why BP's projected economic impacts used a hypothetical financial model that was not intended to be used for any other wind project other than for Galloo Island. We were told the Galloo Island PILOT was used because it was approved by Jefferson County.

BP's presentation included Town Supervisor Joseph Kushner, who discussed economic impacts from the wind project in the Town of Eagle, NY. BP's poster stated that the Town of Cape Vincent would receive 15% of the PILOT payment; yet Kushner noted that his town gets 88% of the pie. On a benefit per MW basis Kushner and the Town of Eagle are receiving nearly 6 times the money that BP plans for Cape Vincent. Kushner's experience was not a good example of what BP was offering Cape Vincent.

In summary, this open house never should have happened. The two big pieces of information, the project layout and economic impacts, were guesses and were not good examples for Cape Vincent.

The Department of Public Service needs to revamp the Public Involvement Program that is required under Article 10. There is no sense having an Open House and disguised public outreach if an applicant has nothing to say or offer other than possibilities.