RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PILOT DEVIATION LETTER AND PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND PILOT SARANAC POWER PARTNERS, L.P.

A regular meeting of County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session in the Clinton County Government Center located at 137 Margaret Street in the City of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York on January 8, 2024 at 12:00 o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Trent Trahan Chairperson
David Hoover Vice Chairperson

Michael E. Zurlo Secretary

Mark Leta Assistant Secretary

Keith Defayette Treasurer John VanNatten Member

ABSENT:

Joey Trombley Member

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Molly RyanExecutive DirectorToni MoffatExecutive AssistantDorothy BrunellAdministrative Assistant

Christopher C. Canada, Esq. Agency Counsel Shannon E. Wagner, Esq. Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by David Hoover, seconded by John VanNatten, to wit:

Resolution No. 01-24-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CLINTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THE "AGENCY") TO (A) SEND A LETTER TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES INFORMING THEM OF A PROPOSED DEVIATION FROM THE AGENCY'S UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY AND (B) CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE SARANAC POWER PARTNERS, L.P. PROJECT.

WHEREAS, County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18 A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 225 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-f of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job

opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 29, 1992 (the "Closing Date"), the Agency entered into an installment sale agreement dated as of December 29, 1992 (the "Installment Sale Agreement") by and between the Agency and Saranac Power Partners, L.P. (the "Company") and other related documents for the purpose of undertaking the following project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company: (A) (1) the acquisition of fee title to, leasehold interests in and certain easements to various parcels of real property located in the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 240MW natural gas-fired cogeneration facility and related transmission lines and electrical energy interconnection facilities (the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation of various machinery and equipment (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from sales taxes, real estate transfer taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real property taxes (the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the sale of the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to the Installment Sale Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 29, 1992, the Agency acquired various interests in the Land pursuant to various conveyance documents executed on or about December 29, 1992 from the Company to the Agency; and

WHEREAS, simultaneously with the execution and delivery of the Installment Sale Agreement, (A) the Company and the Agency executed and delivered a payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of December 29, 1992 (the "Original PILOT") by and among the Agency, the Company and The Development Corporation Clinton County, New York (f/k/a Clinton County Area Development Corp.), as agent (the "PILOT Mortgage Agent") for the Agency and the "Taxing Entities" (as such term is defined in the Original Pilot), pursuant to which the Company agreed to pay certain payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility to the Clinton County Treasurer (the "Treasurer") for distribution to the appropriate Taxing Entities entitled to same pursuant to the provisions of the Original PILOT, (B) the Agency filed with the assessor and mail to the chief executive officer of each "affected tax jurisdiction" (within the meaning of such quoted term in Section 854(16) of the Act) a copy of a New York State Board of Real Property Services Form 412-a (the form required to be filed by the Agency in order for the Agency to obtain a real property tax exemption with respect to the Project Facility under Section 412-a of the Real Property Tax Law) (the "Real Property Tax Exemption Form") relating to the Project Facility and the Original PILOT, and (C) the Company and the Agency executed and delivered a payment in lieu of tax mortgage dated as of December 29, 1992 (the "Original PILOT Mortgage") from the Agency and the Company, as mortgagor, and the PILOT Mortgage Agent, as mortgagee (the "PILOT Mortgagee"), pursuant to which the Company and the Agency agreed to grant to the PILOT Mortgagee a mortgage lien on the Project Facility as security for, among other things, the obligation of the Company to make all payments and all other obligations of the Company for the benefit of the Agency and the Taxing Entities under the Original PILOT (the Installment Sale Agreement, the Original PILOT, the Real Property Tax Exemption Form and the Original PILOT Mortgage being sometimes collectively referred to as the "Basic Documents"); and

WHEREAS, the Original PILOT was amended pursuant to a first amendment to payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of March 1, 2009 (the "First Amendment to PILOT"), as further amended pursuant to a second amendment to payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of December 1, 2009 (the "Second Amendment to PILOT"), as further amended pursuant to a third amendment to payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of December 1, 2013 (the "Third Amendment to PILOT") and as further amended pursuant to a fourth amendment to payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of December 1, 2016 (the "Fourth Amendment to PILOT"), each by and among the Agency, the Company and the PILOT Mortgage Agent (the Original PILOT, as amended by the First Amendment to PILOT, the Second Amendment to PILOT, the Third Amendment to PILOT and the Fourth Amendment to PILOT, being referred to hereinafter as the "Amended PILOT"), which Amended PILOT was amended and restated by an amended and restated payment in lieu of tax agreement dated as of January 1, 2018 (the "Amended and Restated PILOT") by and among the Agency, the Company and the PILOT Mortgage Agent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a letter dated December 19, 2023 from counsel to the Company (the "Pilot Request"), which Pilot Request is attached here as Exhibit A, the Company has requested to amend the Amended and Restated PILOT to extend the term of the Amended and Restated PILOT for an additional five (5) years on its existing terms, which extension would be effectuated pursuant to a first amendment to amended and restated payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT"); and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT will be a deviation from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy (the "UTEP"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the UTEP, the Agency must give the chief executive officers of the County and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is located (collectively, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") prior written notice of the proposed deviation from the UTEP and the reasons therefor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 856(15) of the Act, unless otherwise agreed by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, payments in lieu of taxes must be allocated among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in proportion to the amount of real property tax and other taxes which would have been received by each affected tax jurisdiction had the Project Facility not been tax exempt due to the status of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York, being 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (the "Regulations" and collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), the Agency must satisfy the requirements contained in SEQRA prior to making a final determination whether to enter into the First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT (the "Proposed Action"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the Agency has examined the Proposed Action in order to make a determination as to whether the Action is subject to SEQRA, and it appears that the Proposed Action constitutes a Type II action under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, prior to the Agency providing any financial assistance of more than \$100,000 to any project, the Agency, among other things, most hold a public hearing with respect said project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to provide for compliance with the provisions of Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Proposed Action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY OF CLINTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Based upon an examination of the Proposed Action, the Agency hereby determines that the Proposed Action constitutes a "Type II action" pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(26), and therefor that, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.6(a)(1)(i), the Agency has no further responsibilities under SEQRA with respect to the Proposed Action.
- The Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency, after Section 2. consultation with the members of the Agency, (A) to establish the time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the Project and the financial assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Action, said public hearing to be held in the city, town or village where the Project is or is to be located; (B) to cause notice of such public hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the governmental units where the Project is or is to be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; (C) to cause notice of said public hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project is or is to be located to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; (D) to conduct such public hearing; and (E) to cause a report of said public hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said public hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency; provided however, that the Executive Director shall not conduct a public hearing as discussed above prior to receipt and review by the Agency of (i) a completed application with respect to the Pilot Request, and (ii) such other information which the Agency may request relating to the Pilot Request (the "Supporting Materials").
- Section 3. Having considered the PILOT Request (A) the Agency will consider the Proposed Action and (B) the Executive Director is hereby authorized to send a written notice to the chief executive officers of each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions (i) informing them that the Agency is considering a proposed deviation, with such notice being in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and as outlined by the Executive Director of the Agency at this meeting, from the UTEP with respect to the Proposed Action and the reasons therefor and (ii) soliciting any comments that such Affected Tax Jurisdictions may have with respect to said proposed deviation; **provided however**, that the Executive Director shall not distribute such deviation notice prior to receipt and review by the Agency of the Supporting Materials.
- Section 4. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and/or Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this resolution.
 - Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Trent Trahan	VOTING	YES
David Hoover	VOTING	YES
Michael E. Zurlo	VOTING	YES
Mark Leta	VOTING	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	YES
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES
Joey Trombley	VOTING	ABSENT

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF CLINTON)

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the resolution contained therein, held on January 8, 2024 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this day of January, 2024.

(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT A PILOT REQUEST

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Via Electronic Mail

December 19, 2023

Molly Ryan, Executive Director Clinton County Industrial Development Agency 137 Margaret Street, Suite 209 Plattsburgh, NY 12901

te: Request for PILOT Extension regarding Saranac Power Partners, L.P. and its property located at 99 Weed Street (Tax ID 207.-2-2.2)

Dear Molly,

We represent Saranac Power Partners, L.P (the "Company"). The Company operates the 240MW natural gas-fired power plant located at 99 Weed Street in the Town of Plattsburgh (the "Plant"). The Plant is currently subject to the Amended and Restated Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement dated January 1, 2018 (the "PILOT Agreement"). The PILOT Agreement is set to expire on or about March 1, 2024. The Company respectfully requests that the PILOT Agreement be extended for an additional five years.

Plant Performance and Headwinds

The Plant struggled to be profitable between 2018 and 2022. The Plant's power generation revenue remained very low and ultimately hit a record low in 2020. Due to the Plant's age and construction, power generation is now largely limited to scheduled grid maintenance or emergency outages. With power generation down, the Plant survived largely on capacity payments. Fortunately, moderate increases in capacity prices over the past five years have helped the Plant offset rising expenses. The Plant also continued to produce steam for George Pacific and Pactiv. Steam sales are set by contract and escalate annually at the rate of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product – Implicit Price Deflator as published by the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis.

2023 is on track to be a good year for the Plant. The NYSERDA Smart Path Connect transmission upgrade project requires significant construction on the powerlines between Massena and Clinton. In the short term, the transmission upgrade will significantly increase the Plant's generation revenue because the Plant is being dispatched to cover temporary construction outages. However, in the long term, the transmission upgrade will have significant negative impact on the Plant. The transmission upgrades are designed to allow the state to better utilize the new wind and hydro generation in the area. By design, the transmission upgrade was engineered to reduce the Plant's dispatch.

Accordingly, the Company expects that generation revenue will sharply decline in 2024 and the Plant will revert to its primary reliance on capacity for the foreseeable future.

The PILOT Agreement and Current Payments

Under the current PILOT Agreement, the Company pays \$273,000 to the IDA for the benefit of the Taxing Entities. At the time of the last renewal, the Company agreed to increase the payment to \$420,000 if the Company's free cash flow exceeded certain levels. The Company has not met this threshold since 2018. The Company is optimistic that the transmission upgrades may allow the Plant to meet the threshold in 2023, which would lead to a one-time increased payment to the taxing jurisdictions in 2024. However, as discussed above, the completion of the transmission upgrade in early 2024 makes it unlikely that the Company would meet the free cash flow threshold again in the foreseeable future.

In addition to the PILOT Payment, the Company also pays \$182,000 to the Town under a Host Community Agreement. As part of the renewal in 2018, the IDA required that the host community payments be made through December 31, 2022. In 2022, the Company offered to voluntarily extend the Host Community Agreement for an additional year. Although the Town and the Company had no legal obligation to do so, they agreed to extend the Host Community Agreement through December 31, 2023 with the Company paying the \$182,000 for the additional 2023 calendar year.

Extension Request

The Company seeks to extend the PILOT Agreement for an additional five years on its existing terms. As part of a renewal, the Company is willing to extend the Host Community Agreement for the same five-year term to ensure that the Town continues to receive the needed financial support. The Company also continues to believe that it is fair to pay more when it is profitable and, thus, would also like to extend that provision requiring an increased payment in the event of high free cash flow.

The Company believes that continued support from the IDA is vital to its economic feasibility. As you may know, the Company has a local payroll of \$1,990,000. In addition to this direct employment, the Company is dedicated to providing steam to Georgia Pacific and Pactiv (each of which have 100+ local employees) as well as supporting numerous other local sales and service suppliers that it contracts with.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours

Kevin R. MacLeod, Esq.

Encl.

cc: John Gokey, Plant Manager



Saranac Power Partners, L.P. 2023 PILOT Discussions December 15, 2023





Saranac's Revenue Stream



Saranac's revenue from three sources

- Electricity Sales
 - Capacity auctions monthly payments received for proven power output capability and reliability
 - Generation plant generating power into the local electric grid
- Steam sales directly to Georgia-Pacific and indirectly to Pactiv via Georgia-Pacific
- Natural gas transportation charges to NYSEG and Georgia-Pacific

Revenue Sources	2023 YTD Forecast	2022	2021	2020	2019
Electricity 92%		80%	86%	79%	72%
(Capacity)	58%	125%	98%	92%	66%
(Generation)	42%	-25%	2%	8%	34%
Steam	4%	11%	7%	10%	12%
Natural Gas Transportation	4%	8%	6%	11%	16%

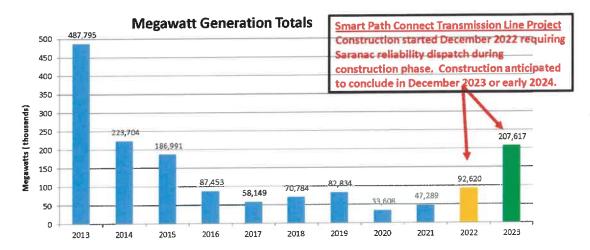
Note: 2022 generation is negative due to delayed payment from NYISO.

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Historical Capacity Factor and Generation



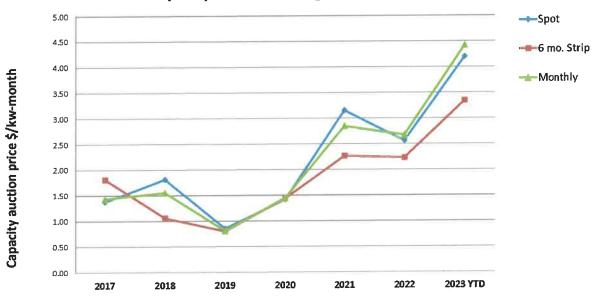
- 2021 capacity factor = 2.10%
- 2022 capacity factor = 4.21%
- 2023 capacity factor = (YTD Nov 30) 10.61%
- 2022 and 2023 capacity factor increases are due to transmission line construction project and are forecast to return to 2016 through 2021 levels



New York Independent System Operator Rest-of-State Capacity Auction Average

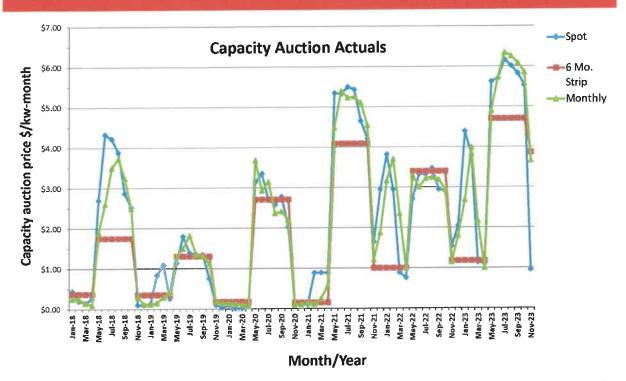


Capacity Auction Average Clearing Prices



New York Independent System Operator Rest-of-State Capacity Price (\$/kw-month)

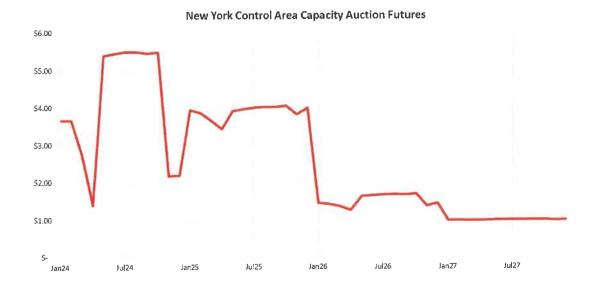




Capacity Auction Futures



Capacity auction futures data from online index website, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. Energy Futures U.S. – December 6, 2023

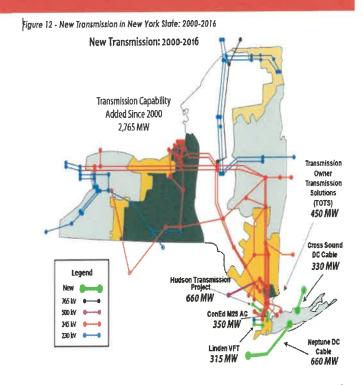


Impact to Saranac Generation



Northern New York transmission line upgrade in 2014

- New York Power Authority (NYPA)
 Moses-Willis Circuit Separation project
 fulfilled a recommendation of the New
 York Energy Highway Blueprint—a
 major initiative to relieve transmission
 congestion and constraints on wind
 turbine facilities in Clinton and Franklin
 Counties and hydro generation
 resources in upstate NY and Quebec,
 Canada
- Project completion and in-service date March 2014 significantly reduced Saranac's dispatch due to reliability needs being met by lower cost resources like wind and hydro generators.

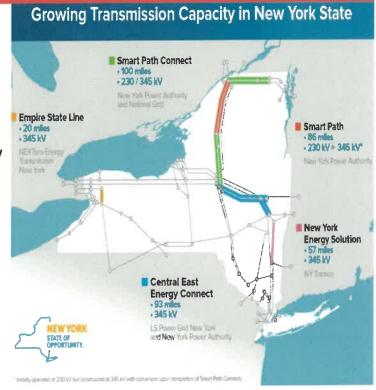


New Risks to Saranac Generation



New York Power Authority

- Transmission line upgrades
- Smart Path Connect is a multifaceted project that included rebuilding approximately 45 miles of transmission eastward from Massena to the Town of Clinton, which is led by the New York Power Authority, further reducing the need for power grid reliability dispatch support from the Saranac plant as occurred in 2014.



New Risks to Saranac Generation



• Renewable generation resource additions will reduce daily energy price in Zone D creating uneconomic market conditions for Saranac.

New York's Land-Based Renewable Energy Procurement

source NYSERDA website - October 24, 2023

 New York.....announced its latest round of conditional land-based large-scale renewable awards, which are comprised of 14 new solar projects, six wind repowering projects, one new wind project, and one return-to-service hydroelectric project, totaling a combined 2,410 megawatts – enough new renewable generation to power over 560,000 New York homes annually for at least 20 years. These projects are expected to spur over \$4 billion in direct investments and create over 4,100 good-paying short- and long-term jobs across New York State

New Risks to Saranac Generation



North Country Projects

- **North Country Wind**: Terra-Gen Development Company, LLC will build a 298.2-megawatt wind facility in the towns of Burke and Chateaugay, Franklin County.
- <u>Riverside Solar</u>: AES will build a 100-megawatt solar facility in the Towns of Lyme and Brownville, Jefferson County.
- <u>SunEast Morris Solar</u>: Cordelio Power will build a 19.99-megawatt solar facility in the Town of Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County.
- <u>Valcour Altona Windpark</u>: AES will repower a 97.5-megawatt wind facility in the Town of Altona, Clinton County.
- <u>Valcour Chateaugay Windpark</u>: AES will repower a 106.5-megawatt Wind facility in the Town of Chateaugay, Franklin County.
- <u>Valcour Clinton Windpark</u>: AES will repower a 100.5-megawatt Wind facility in the Town of Clinton, Clinton County.
- Valcour Ellenburg Windpark: AES will repower an 81-megawatt Wind facility in the Town of Ellenburg, Clinton County.
 - The four Valcour windparks will contribute 400 megawatts of energy to the state power grid once they're repowered. Emily Taylor, from AES Clean Energy, which is the largest owner-operator of renewable energy projects in New York said actual construction and replacement of the turbines will start in 2026.
- Bull Run Energy, LLC: Will build a 449-megawatt wind facility in Towns of Altona, Clinton, Ellenburg and Mooers in Clinton County and expected to come online in 2027.

Headwinds to Saranac profitability



- Capacity auction price downward projection
- Renewable generation capacity additions
- Imports of energy from Quebec and other regions
- Low natural gas and energy price forecasts
- Potential property tax increases
- Facility not designed for rapid startups needed to meet changing electric grid requirements. Millions in capital modifications required, with no certain payback

Local risks created by Saranac's potential loss of profitability



- Potential loss of Saranac payroll of \$1.99 million
- · Georgia-Pacific and Pactiv
 - Costs to assume auxiliary steam boiler operations
 - Increased share of natural gas transmission costs
 - Threat to continued operations and potential job losses of approximately 117 Georgia-Pacific employees and 100 Pactiv employees
- New York State Electric and Gas and customers
 - Increased percentage of natural gas transmission costs
 - Potential rate hikes to recover increased natural gas transmission costs
- Potential loss of PILOT tax revenues to taxing jurisdictions
- Potential loss of local businesses service and sales

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EXHIBIT B

PROPOSED PILOT DEVIATION LETTER

COUNTY OF CLINTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

137 Margaret Street, Suite 209 Plattsburgh, New York 12901 Tel: 518-565-4627 Fax: 518-565-4616

January ___, 2023

Hon. Mark R. Henry, Legislative Chairperson County Government Center 137 Margaret Street, Suite 208 Plattsburgh, New York 12901

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Ed Marin, School Board President Beekmantown Central School District 37 Eagle Way West Chazy, New York 12992-2577 Michael E. Zurlo, County Administrator County Government Center 137 Margaret Street, Suite 208 Plattsburgh, New York 12901

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Pursuant to its terms, the Amended and Restated PILOT will expire on March 31, 2024.

The Company has requested that the Agency consider an additional amendment to the Amended and Restated PILOT, which amendment would be effectuated pursuant to a first amendment to amended and restated payment in lieu of tax agreement (the "First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT") (the Amended and Restated PILOT, as amended by the First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT, being referred to hereinafter as the "Proposed PILOT").

By resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on January 8, 2024 (the "PILOT Deviation Notice and Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to conduct a public hearing with respect to the proposed execution and delivery of the First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT. This letter is delivered to you pursuant to Section 874 of the General Municipal Law.

The proposed terms of the First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT would provide for the extension of the term of the Amended and Restated PILOT for an additional five (5) years on its existing terms.

The First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT would <u>not</u> provide any abatements for any special assessments levied on the Project Facility.

The terms of the First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT deviate from the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy (the "UTEP"). The purpose of this letter is to inform you of such deviation and that the Agency is considering the terms of the First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT. The Agency expects to consider whether to approve the terms of the First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT at its meeting scheduled for February ___, 2024 at 12:00 o'clock, p.m., local time at the

offices of the Agency located at 137 Margaret Street, Suite 209 in the City of Plattsburgh, County of Clinton, New York (the "Meeting"). This letter is forwarded to you for purposes of complying with Section 874 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, which requires a thirty (30) day notice prior to the Agency taking final action with respect to the First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT.

The Agency considered the following factors, enumerated under the UTEP, in considering the proposed deviation:

trono	1 .	The nature of the Project: 240 MW natural gas-fired cogeneration facility with on lines and electric energy interconnection facilities.
trans	IIIISSI	on times and electric energy interconnection facilities.
	2.	The present use of the property: cogeneration facility.
and	3. the	The economic condition of the area at the time of the request of the Company economic multiplying effect that the Project will have on the area:
secto jobs:		The extent to which the Project will create or retain permanent, private s and the number of jobs to be created or retained and the salary range of such
-	5.	The estimated value of new tax exemptions to be provided:
	6.	The economic impact of the Proposed PILOT on affected tax jurisdictions:
econ	7. omic	The impact of the Proposed PILOT on existing and proposed businesses and development projects in the vicinity:
by th	8. e Pro	The amount of private sector investment generated or likely to be generated posed PILOT:
	9.	The effect of the Proposed PILOT on the environment: None.
	10	Project Timing: cogeneration facility is completed.
		. The extent to which the Proposed PILOT will require the provision of services including, but not limited to, additional educational, transportation, ergency medical or fire services: No additional services required.
	12	. Anticipated tax revenues:
		The extent to which the Proposed PILOT will provide a benefit (economic se) not otherwise available within the municipality in which the Project Facility

The Agency will consider the Project and the First Amendment to Amended and Restated PILOT (and the proposed deviation from the UTEP) at the Meeting. The Agency would welcome any written

comments that you might have on this proposed deviation from the UTEP. In accordance with Section 874(4)(c) of the General Municipal Law, prior to taking final action at the Meeting, the Agency will review and respond to any written comments received from any affected tax jurisdiction with respect to the proposed deviation. The Agency will also allow any representative of any affected tax jurisdiction present at the Meeting to address the Agency regarding the proposed deviation.

Very truly yours,
COUNTY OF CLINTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
By:

Molly F. Ryan Executive Director