



PROTECT WENTWORTH VALLEY

Good morning,

We'd like to bring to your attention what we see as non-compliance issues with proponents of the RFP.

Specifically- RES- Windy Ridge Project

RES had not updated their website with even so much as a map as of May 10th- 1 day before the end of the RFP bid period. We believe this violates this section of the RFP-

- Publicly posted contact information and Project details in a way that is easily accessible to the public by 30 days after the RFP Date of Issuance (mid-March)

We have attached a screen shot of their website as proof. We believe this information is necessary for any surrounding communities to identify themselves and their concerns.

Also, RES did not engage with any Community Meetings until May 5- 6 days before closing date. We were unaware of this meeting until a resident in another village told us of that meeting. Many in the area in question cannot even tune in the radio station that they are using as it does not reach this area adequately. Upon learning of this we then informed our list serve community of over 200 of the meeting- none of them were aware until then.

The public meeting was non-transparent. On several occasions when we followed up with people who were at the meeting, they noted the questions they asked were not seen by the public and were asked by a 'moderator' who changed or mis-construed their words to directly change the motive of the question. In this meeting we were also assured that the questions would be posted right after the meeting as well as the answers – and here we are May 10th- 1 day before the deadline of the RFP bid and that still has not been done. We do have a recording of this meeting to back up our claims of what was said as well.

A project of this magnitude- of which they are saying they are securing 25000 plus acres- yet only using 25-35 acres, requires Community engagement and understanding.

This area is home to protected wilderness areas, not only essential moose habitat but the moose corridor as well. Wetlands and ecological and biological diversity not seen in any other corner of this province. This area is unique in that it also borders a county line, and thus special consideration must also be made to the current moratorium on windmill development as these two counties review their land use bylaws.

RES has failed to demonstrate transparency and faith in engaging with the directly impacted communities as well as, we believe, follow the RFP directions of engagement.

We hope that all these factors are taken into consideration and reviewed when the bids are finalized for approval.

We are small communities – integrated in generations of the same families- we value honesty, integrity, and respect. We do not want our communities disrespected in any way. You cannot sacrifice the environment- ecological, biological, or sociological, for green energy projects.

Signed

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