

March 18, 2024

Mr. Joe Wicks
Town of Eaton
35 Cedar Street
Morrisville, NY 13408

**Re: Professional Engineering Services
Hoffman Falls Wind Project
Towns of Eaton, Fenner, Nelson, and Smithfield**

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Dear Mr. Wicks:

C&S Engineers, Inc. (C&S) is pleased to provide you with this proposal for professional consulting services support for the review and evaluation of potential adverse impacts associated with the proposed Hoffman Falls Wind Project in the Towns of Eaton, Fenner, Nelson, and Smithfield.

Scope of Services

C&S will conduct a thorough review of the 94-c application submitted for the proposed Hoffman Falls Wind Project. This document will be reviewed by staff for completeness and appropriateness of the completed studies, particularly with regards to the applicant's evaluation of the potential impacts to property owners that own land located within the vicinity of the proposed project. In conjunction with the performance of this task, C&S staff will conduct a site reconnaissance of the properties on which the solar arrays are to be located and/or the adjoining properties in order to observe the current land use and site conditions. Given the footprint of the proposed facility, there exists a potential for significant adverse impacts. C&S will ensure that each of these potential environmental impacts have been thoroughly analyzed in accordance with federal and state mandated guidelines and the requirements of Section 94-c. C&S will attend formal meetings between the Town and the applicant as needed.

C&S will work in conjunction with the Town's Attorney in conducting a detailed review and evaluation of the 94-c application. C&S has assumed that our involvement on this project is contingent upon the award of local agency funding to the Town. Therefore, we will not proceed with any work on this project until we have received written authorization to proceed from the Town. In addition to the review of submitted information, C&S will attend meetings as requested by the Town and/or the Town's legal counsel.

Assumptions

- 1.) Attendance at one (1) board meeting/public hearing is included in the scope of services.

- 2.) This scope of services does not include preparation of detailed studies such as cultural/historic resource surveys, wetland delineation, threatened and endangered species surveys, traffic studies, hazardous materials surveys, lighting impact analysis studies, etc.
- 3.) No regulatory agency coordination is included in this scope of services, except coordination with the Towns of Fenner, Eaton, Nelson, and Smithfield.

C&S will complete the services described herein, along with the aforementioned assumptions, on a time and materials basis for a fee not-to-exceed \$14,375.

If this proposal is acceptable, please execute in the space below and send a copy to my attention. A signature below will constitute acceptance of this proposal that, with the attached Terms and Conditions, constitutes an Agreement between C&S and the Town of Eaton. We request that you provide C&S with written notice to proceed at which time C&S will schedule the services requested. The proposal will remain open for acceptance for 60 calendar days from the date of the proposal unless modified by us in writing. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the attached Terms and Conditions, the terms of this letter shall govern any conflict between this letter and the Terms and Conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this proposal for services. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

C&S ENGINEERS, INC.

TOWN OF EATON



Accepted this _____ day of

Bryan A. Bayer, PWS, CE
Managing Environmental Scientist

_____, 2024.

By: _____
(Authorized Representative)

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Attachment

EXHIBIT "A"
TERMS & CONDITIONS
(Study and Report Phase)

These Terms and Conditions govern the performance by or through Engineer of the Scope of Services set forth in the letter part of this Agreement. Capitalized terms used herein, unless otherwise defined, shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the letter and/or scope of services. Owner and Engineer agree as follows:

1.01 Basic Agreement

A. Engineer shall provide, or cause to be provided, the services set forth in the letter part of this Agreement, and Owner shall pay Engineer for such Services as set forth in the letter part of this Agreement.

2.01 Payment Procedures

A. *Terms of Payment.* Refer to the letter part of this Agreement between Owner and Engineer for the method of payment to Engineer.

B. *Preparation of Invoices.* Engineer will prepare a monthly invoice in accordance with Engineer's standard invoicing practices and submit the invoice to Owner.

C. *Payment of Invoices.* Invoices are due and payable within 30 days of receipt. If Owner fails to make any payment due Engineer for services and expenses within 30 days after receipt of Engineer's invoice, the amounts due Engineer will be increased at the rate of 1.5% per month (or the maximum rate of interest permitted by law, if less) from said thirtieth day. In addition, Engineer may, without liability, after giving seven days written notice to Owner, suspend services under this Agreement until Engineer has been paid in full all amounts due for services, expenses, and other related charges. Payments will be credited first to interest and then to principal. In addition, Owner agrees to pay all expenses incurred by Engineer as a result of Owner's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, including but not limited to, costs, disbursements, and attorney's fees.

D. *Payment upon Termination.* In the event of termination of Engineer's services by Owner, Engineer will be paid for Basic Services rendered to date of termination in accordance with the method of payment defined in the letter part of this Agreement except that under the lump sum method, the adjusted fee shall be determined by proportioning the stipulated amount to reflect the percentage of completion of the Project, as mutually agreed to by Owner and Engineer. Engineer will also be paid for additional services rendered to date of termination in accordance with the method of payment defined in the letter part of this Agreement.

3.01 Additional Services

A. If authorized by Owner, or if required because of changes in the Project, Engineer shall furnish services in addition to those set forth in the letter part of this Agreement.

B. Owner shall pay Engineer for such additional services as follows: For additional services of Engineer's employees engaged directly on the Project an amount equal to the cumulative hours charged to the Project by each class of Engineer's employees times standard hourly rates for each applicable billing class; plus reimbursable expenses and Engineer's consultants' charges, if any.

4.01 Owner's Responsibilities

Owner shall perform the following in a timely manner so as not to delay the services of Engineer under this Agreement. Owner shall be responsible for, and Engineer may rely upon, the accuracy and completeness of all reports, data and other information furnished

pursuant to this paragraph. Engineer may use such reports, data and information in performing or furnishing services under this Agreement.

A. Designate in writing a person to act as Owner's representative with respect to the services to be rendered under this Agreement. Such person shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and interpret and define Owner's policies and decisions with respect to Engineer's services for the Project. Engineer shall not rely on directions from anyone outside the scope of that person's authority as set forth in written delegations. Directions and decisions made by the Owner's representatives shall be binding on the Owner.

B. Provide all criteria and full information as to Owner's requirements, including study objectives and constraints, space, capacity, and performance requirements; flexibility and expendability; and any budgetary limitations.

C. Assist Engineer by placing at Engineer's disposal all available information pertinent to the Project including previous reports and any other existing data relative to the Project.

D. Inform Engineer in writing of any specific requirements of safety or security programs that are applicable to Engineer, as a visitor to the Site.

E. Furnish to Engineer, as Engineer requires for performance of Engineer's Basic Services (except to the extent provided otherwise in Section 1.01), the following:

1. data prepared by or services of others, including without limitation borings, probings, subsurface explorations and hydrographic surveys at or contiguous to the site, laboratory tests and inspections of samples, materials and equipment;
2. appropriate professional interpretations of all of the foregoing;
3. environmental assessments, audits, investigations, and impact statements, and other relevant environmental or cultural studies as to the Project, the site and adjacent areas;
4. property, boundary, easement, right-of-way, topographic and utility surveys;
5. property descriptions;
6. zoning, deed and other land use restriction; and
7. other special data or consultations not covered in Section 1.01; all of which Engineer may use and rely upon in performing services under this Agreement.

F. Owner shall arrange for safe access to and make all provisions for Engineer and its consultants to enter upon public and private property as required for Engineer to perform services under this agreement.

5.01 Termination

A. The obligation to provide further services under this Agreement may be terminated:

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1. For cause,

a. By either party upon 30 days written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the Agreement's terms through no fault of the terminating party.

b. By Engineer:

1) upon seven days written notice if Engineer believes that Engineer is being requested by Owner to furnish or perform services contrary to Engineer's responsibilities as a licensed professional; or

2) upon seven days written notice if the Engineer's services for the Project are delayed or suspended for more than 90 days for reasons beyond Engineer's control.

3) Engineer shall have no liability to Owner on account of such termination.

c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement will not terminate as a result of a substantial failure under paragraph 5.01.A.1.a if the party receiving such notice begins, within seven days of receipt of such notice, to correct its failure and proceeds diligently to cure such failure within no more than 30 days of receipt of notice; provided, however, that if and to the extent such substantial failure cannot be reasonably cured within such 30 day period, and if such party has diligently attempted to cure the same and thereafter continues diligently to cure the same, then the cure period provided for herein shall extend up to, but in no case more than, 60 days after the date of receipt of the notice.

2. For convenience, by Owner effective upon the receipt of notice by Engineer.

B. The terminating party under paragraphs 5.01.A.1 or 5.01.A.2 may set the effective date of termination at a time up to 30 days later than otherwise provided to allow Engineer to demobilize personnel and equipment from the Project site, to complete tasks whose value would otherwise be lost, to prepare notes as to the status of completed and uncompleted tasks, and to assemble Project materials in orderly files.

6.01 Controlling Law

This Agreement is to be governed by the law of the state of New York without regard to any conflict of laws provisions, which may apply the laws of other jurisdictions. It is further agreed that any legal action between the Owner and Engineer arising out of this Agreement or the performance of the services shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Onondaga County, New York.

7.01 Successors, Assigns, and Beneficiaries

A. Owner and Engineer each is hereby bound and the partners, successors, executors, administrators, and legal representatives of Owner and Engineer (and to the extent permitted by paragraph 7.01.B the assigns of Owner and Engineer) are hereby bound to the other party to this Agreement and to the partners, successors, executors, administrators, and legal representatives (and said assigns) of such other

party, in respect of all covenants, agreements, and obligations of this Agreement.

B. Neither Owner nor Engineer may assign, sublet, or transfer any rights under or interest (including, but without limitation, moneys that are due or may become due) in this Agreement without the written consent of the other, except to the extent that any assignment, subletting, or transfer is mandated or restricted by law. Unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under this Agreement.

8.01 General Considerations

A. The standard of care for all professional engineering and related services performed or furnished by Engineer under this Agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of the subject profession practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality. Engineer makes no warranties, express or implied, under this Agreement or otherwise, in connection with Engineer's services. Engineer and its consultants may use or rely upon the design services of others, including, but not limited to, contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers. Engineer may also rely upon publically available information that is ordinarily used by members of the subject profession.

B. Owner agrees that if Engineer is not employed to provide professional services during the Design, Bidding (if the work is put out for bids) or the Construction Phases of the Project, Engineer will not be responsible for, and Owner shall indemnify, hold Engineer (and Engineer's professional associates and consultants) harmless, and defend Engineer from all claims, damages, losses and expenses including attorneys' fees arising out of, or resulting from any interpretation, clarification, substitution acceptance, shop drawing or sample approval or modification of such documentation issued or carried out by Owner or others. Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to release Engineer (or Engineer's professional associates or consultants) from liability for failure to perform in accordance with professional standards any duty or responsibility which Engineer has undertaken or assumed under this Agreement.

C. All documents prepared or furnished by Engineer are instruments of service, and Engineer retains an ownership and property interest (including the copyright and the right of reuse) in such documents, whether or not the Project is completed. Such documents are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by Owner or others in extensions of the facility beyond that now contemplated or on any other facility. Any reuse by Owner or others without specific written verification or adaptation by Engineer for the specific purpose intended will be at user's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Engineer, or to Engineer's independent professional associates or consultants, and Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless Engineer and Engineer's independent professional associates and consultants from all claims, losses, damages of any kind or nature, judgments, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees and any costs), arising out of or resulting therefrom. Any such verification and adaptation will entitle Engineer to further compensation at rate to be agreed upon by Engineer and Owner.

D. The specific schedule of services is more specifically described in the letter part of this Agreement or an Exhibit thereto. The term of this agreement commences upon the acceptance of this Agreement (including all exhibits) by owner and terminates upon completion of the services described in the letter part of this Agreement. Any delay in or failure of performance of any party to this Agreement shall not constitute a default under this Agreement nor give rise to any claim for damage, if and

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to the extent such delay or failure is caused by occurrences or events beyond the control of the party affected, including but not limited to, acts of God; expropriation or confiscation of facilities or compliance with any order or request of government authority, affecting to a degree not presently existing, the supply, availability, or use of personnel or equipment; strikes; flood blizzard, labor unrest, riot; or any cause the affected party is unable to prevent or foresee with reasonable diligence. A party who is prevented from performing for any reason shall immediately notify the other in writing of the reason for the nonperformance and the anticipated extent of any delay and its efforts to minimize the extent of delay and resume performance under this Agreement.

E. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Owner and Engineer (1) waive against each other, and the other's employees, officers, directors, agents, insurers, partners, and consultants, any and all claims for or entitlement to special, incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any way related to the Project, and (2) agree that Engineer's (including Engineer's employees, officers, directors, agents and insurers, partners, and consultants) total liability to Owner under this Agreement shall be limited to \$50,000 or the total amount of compensation received by Engineer, whichever is greater. The Owner may negotiate with the Engineer in the event the Owner wishes to change the total liability described herein but acknowledges that any change may result in an additional fee. This additional fee is in consideration of the greater risk involved in performing work for which there is an increase or no limitation of liability.

F. The parties acknowledge that Engineer's scope of services does not include any services related to a Hazardous Environmental Condition (the presence of asbestos, PCBs, petroleum, hazardous substances or waste, and radioactive materials). If Engineer or any other party encounters a Hazardous Environmental Condition, Engineer may, at its option and without liability for consequential or any other damages, suspend performance of services on the portion of the Project affected thereby until Owner: (i) retains appropriate specialist consultants or contractors to identify and, as appropriate, abate, remediate, or remove the Hazardous Environmental Condition; and (ii) warrants that the Site is in full compliance with applicable Laws and Regulations.

G. Owner acknowledges that:

(i) Engineer is not recommending any action to Owner or other obligated person hereunder that would cause Consultant to be considered a municipal advisor for purposes of the Securities and Exchange Commission Registration of Municipal Advisors Rule, 78 Fed. Reg. 67468 (2013);

(ii) Engineer does not owe a fiduciary duty pursuant to Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o-4) to Owner or other obligated person with respect to the information and material contained in this Agreement or any Project deliverable; and

(iii) Owner or other obligated person should discuss any information and material contained in this Agreement or Project deliverable with any and all internal or external advisors and experts that Owner or other obligated person deems appropriate before acting on this information or material.

9.01 Opinions of Probable Cost

Since Engineer has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, or over the Contractor(s)' methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, Engineer's opinions of probable Total Project Costs and Construction Cost provided for herein are to be made on the basis of Engineer's experience and qualifications and represent Engineer's best

judgment as an experienced and qualified professional engineer, familiar with the construction industry; but Engineer cannot and does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual Total Project or Construction Costs will not vary from opinions of probable cost prepared by Engineer. If prior to the Bidding or Negotiating Phase Owner wishes greater assurance as to Total Project or Construction Costs, Owner shall employ an independent cost estimator.

10.01 Dispute Resolution

A. Owner and Engineer agree to negotiate in good faith for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of notice of disputes between them as to the execution, meaning of, or performance under the terms of this Agreement prior to exercising their right under Section 10.01(B) below. The thirty-day period may be extended upon mutual agreement of the parties.

B. If any dispute cannot be resolved pursuant to paragraph 10.01(A) and only if mutually agreed by Owner and Engineer, said dispute and all unsettled claims, counterclaims and other matters in question between them arising out of or relating to the execution, meaning of, or performance under the terms of this Agreement or the breach thereof ("disputes") shall be submitted to mediation by a mediator, to be selected by the parties jointly, prior to initiating a legal action against the other, unless initiating mediation would irrevocably prejudice one of the parties. It is the intention of the parties that any agreement reached at mediation become binding upon them. The cost of mediation shall be shared equally between the parties.

C. This Section 10.01 shall survive any termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

11.01 Total Agreement/ Severability

This Agreement (consisting of the letter part of this Agreement, this Exhibit "A" and any additional exhibits referenced in the letter part of this Agreement), constitutes the entire agreement between Owner and Engineer and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings. This Agreement may only be amended, supplemented, modified, or canceled by a duly executed written instrument. Any provision or part of this Agreement held by a court of law to be invalid or unenforceable under any law or regulation shall be deemed stricken, and all remaining provisions shall continue to be valid and binding upon Owner and Engineer, who agree that the Agreement shall be reformed to replace such stricken provision or part thereof with a valid and enforceable provision that comes as close as possible to expressing the intention of the stricken provision.

12.01 Notice

Any notice required by the terms of this Agreement to be given by one party to another shall be in writing, and shall be deemed to have been duly given (a) on the date of service, if served personally on the party to whom notice is to be given, or (b) on the third day after mailing, if mailed to the party to whom notice is to be given by first-class certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, at the addresses and to the persons set forth in the letter part of this Agreement. Either party hereto may change its address for notice purposes by giving notice to the other party as prescribed by this paragraph 12.01. For purposes of this notice provision, failure or refusal to accept receipt of notice shall constitute notice nonetheless.

