

Pilot Payment Research for Towns with Comments

Note: This document is in extended "legal" sized format but is still wider than standard.

Project Name Wind Developer Month & Year of Startup	Number of Turbines/ Turbine Capacity/ Total Project Megawatts	Town Name(s) (in which County or Counties?)	Contact Info Person & title Phone # Email Web Address Date of Interview	Lead Agency & Contact Information County IDA? Town? Other? (specify)	Amount & %age Received by Towns (Town by Town)	Amount & %age Received by Schools	Amount & %age Received by County (or other lead agency)	Total PIIP Amount Received for Entire
Fenner Wind Farm Atlantic Renewable Energy became CHI (change of directors, but same LLC) Startup: 2001	20 turbines/ 1.5 MW/ 30 MW	Town of Fenner Madison County	Russell Cary, Town Supervisor 315-655-2705 Also on Madison County Board of Supervisors & Chair, County Planning Committee	Town was own lead agency	\$150k/year 100%	\$0 0%	\$0 0%	\$150
Madison Wind Farm								

Tug Hill Wind Farm Maple Ridge Flat Rock Wind Power = owner. Originally developed by Horizon.	195 turbines/ 1.65 MW/ 320 MW	Harrisburg, Lowville, Martinsburg, Watson in Lewis County	Vicki Roy, County Treasurer	Lewis County IDA	\$2.241 M 26.04%	\$4.052M 47.07%	\$2.315 M 26.90%	\$8.60 Invoic in 20
Altona Noble = developer								
Town of Bethany								
Town of Cherry Valley								
Cohocton								
Melissa: This link will give us more wind farms: http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/48089.html I see a total of 8 good								

Facilities				
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<p>Any offsets to PILOT Payments?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, how much & why • If turbines collapse or fail, developer still pay? What contract says? 	<p>Have PILOT payments reduced School Taxes?</p> <p>How much? What leads to conclusion?</p>	<p>Infrastructure & Administrative Costs</p>	<p>Environmental Costs?</p> <p>Direct and indirect for forestry, water, wildlife.</p> <p>What direct or indirect financial costs to the Town for these?</p>	<p>Bonding Agreements</p> <p>How covered? For scrap value? Send agreement?</p>
<p>1 turbine collapsed 12/27/2009.</p> <p>Developer paid for 2009, but not sure if developer will pay going forward, but contract calls for them to do so.</p>	<p>Not an issue. No PILOT goes to schools</p>	<p>Start up process took 3 years from 1998 to 2001.</p> <p>Russell "couldn't begin to tally time involved" Very large time involvement.</p>	<p>Did not ask</p>	<p>Did not ask</p>

	<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works? • Could work better? • If could do again, what change? • Length of agreement? What happens after that (usually a 15 year period)? How are you assured of an agreement with the ISO's?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: On phone interview, Russell Cary was very forthcoming and helpful. He is a strong advocate of Industrial Wind Power and believes they are an answer to our energy crisis. Believes PILOT works for wind power. • Works?: The communications between town (himself) and the developer. Also appreciates the Free Center (paid for by NYSERDA funding). Citizens take both pride and interest in center. • Do Differently?: "A lot, but Russell would not specify. I asked twice. One piece of advice about noise: "Don't put turbines upwind from housing projects." (Not sure if this was an issue) • First wind installation of its kind in the country to go into a community rather than outside of it. • Believes that developer will stay after 15 year period since all up front capital costs will be paid off. Then "developer should start paying taxes.". If politicians continue tax break program it would be to the detriment of the host towns. Turbines affect roads, traffic and (infrastructure)? 6.6 miles of 25 MW wiring installed to carry electric. • Roads: Not a lot of problems but developer continually doing maintenance and the local towns are not doing it. • Financial & Taxes: Total town budget for a town of 1,680 people is \$750,000. \$360k for roads. • Maintenance: Always going on. Three full time employees and sometimes 6 - 8 crew members. • Initial project cost: \$34 Million. \$7M of \$34M paid by NYSERDA (through tariffs elect and taxes). • There has been a shadow flicker issue but that's "easy to solve." 	<p>Madison project sold three times, now owned by Horizon??</p>

<p>Information received in writing from Vicky Roy, Lewis County Treasurer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note: While the income is very large, it's for a large number of wind turbines and is funded through an Empire Zone Funding program that is no longer available. This town is receiving approximately \$44k to \$46k per turbine. Without Empire Zone Funding the per turbine fee would be closer to \$10k (per Peter Keane, attorney for NYSERDA). And that amount would be split among the various entities (County IDA, Schools, then the Town).
<p>Note: Altona has had a wind turbine collapse. Pilot continuing for that? To town? To property owners?</p>
<p>Have commercial turbines?</p>
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Breakdown of "In Lieu of Tax Distribution" : rates invoiced to Windfarm Dec 2008				
	Final Column		2008 Accumulated Payment to Payment to Entities	Percentage of Overall Payment
Town - Harrisburg	\$938,101			
Town - Lowville	\$174,160			
Town - Martinsburg	\$1,105,521	3 towns with turbines	\$2,217,782	25.77%
County	\$2,314,969	County	\$2,314,969	26.90%
Copenhagen Schools	\$227,495			
LACS (school system)	\$3,804,284			
SLCS (school system)	\$19,750	3 School Systems	\$4,051,529	47.07%
Town - Watson (separately listed)		Watson (transmission host)	\$23,105	0.27%
Total Estimated Payment for each jurisdiction	\$8,584,280		#####	100.00%

Note: Data on this sheet taken directly from information provided by Vicky Roy, Treasurer of Lewis County, the site of the Tug Hill Wind Farm which was initially developed by Horizon Wind Energy and is now operated by Flat Rock Wind Power.