



Old Astoria Neighborhood Association (OANA)  
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January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Re: in support of Beacon Wind 1 Article VII Application (Case No. 22-T-0294)

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Richard Khuzami and I represent The Old Astoria Neighborhood Association. I am writing to voice our support of Beacon Wind 1's application to the New York State Public Service Commission for the proposed construction of transmission infrastructure and point of interconnection located in Astoria, Queens County, New York.

Beacon Wind 1 will be essential in advancing the requirement set by the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85% by 2050 combined with investment in directly affected local communities. The project will offer sustainable energy to New York, with generation capacity of 1,230 megawatts (MW) of renewable offshore wind, enough to power around 1 million homes while delivering green jobs, local investment, and community development.

The future of renewable energy in New York will be based on support for projects like Beacon Wind 1.

Beacon Wind 1 represents an exciting transition to renewable energy in the heart of the Astoria neighborhood we represent. The Astoria waterfront, home to 3 major NYCHA Campuses (Queensbridge, Ravenswood, and Astoria Houses) has long been afflicted by increased rates of asthma and other environment related afflictions, and this project will have a direct positive impact and improved quality of life for the communities living and working in Astoria, Queens.

The Old Astoria Neighborhood Association looks forward to working closely with Beacon Wind to further develop the project's involvement and engagement with the local community.

We thank you for your consideration of our comments and the opportunity to share our experience with, and support for, Beacon Wind 1.

Sincerely,

Richard Khuzami, President



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