

6.0 COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES

The proposed project will require the irreversible and irretrievable commitment of certain human, material, environmental, and financial resources as described below. For the most part, the commitments of these resources will be offset by the benefits that will result from implementation of the Project.

Human financial resources have already been expended by the Applicant, the State of New York (i.e., various state agencies), Clinton County, and the Towns of Clinton and Ellenburg for the planning and review of the Project. The expenditure of funds and human resources will continue to be required throughout the permitting and construction phases of the Project.

The Project also represents a commitment of land for the life of the Project. The land to be developed for wind turbine tower locations, access roads and substations will not be available for alternative purposes for the life of the Project. However, because the turbines/towers could be removed, and the land reclaimed for alternative uses at some future date, the commitment of this land to the Project may be neither irreversible nor irretrievable.

Various types of construction materials and building supplies will be committed to the Project. The use of these materials, such as gravel, concrete, steel, etc., will represent a long-term commitment of these resources, which will not be available for other projects.

Energy resources also will be irretrievably committed to the Project, during both the construction and operation of the Project. Fuel, lubricants, and electricity will be required during the manufacture and transportation of materials and components, during site preparation and turbine installation activities, and for the transportation of workers and materials to the Project site. However, the energy resources utilized to construct and operate the Project will be minor compared to the energy generated by the Project and made available to the residents and businesses of New York State.