

9.0 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Marble River has been active in the community since early in project development to provide information on wind power in general and on the specifics of the Project. These Outreach Activities include public open house meetings, written information, media briefings and tours of existing wind power projects. Some of the activities undertaken to date are listed below.

Marble River Wind Farm Public Involvement Activities

2004

- Summer Met with Town Officials to introduce the idea of an informational session in the fall.
- Spring Held informational meetings for the general public, Town officials and landowners on the Project. Met with Plattsburgh Press Republican editorial board and writers to educate them about wind power and the Marble River Wind Farm. Hosted landowners, officials and members of the public on a trip to two of New York's three operating wind farms in Madison County. Opened local project office in Ellenburg and hired local consultant.

2005

- Spring Published wind and economic development informational piece to Plattsburgh Press Republican. Hosted landowner dinner.
- Development of Marble River featured prominently in Plattsburgh Press Republican. Radio programs featuring the Project run on North Country Public radio, and information pieces on a similar project (Maple Ridge) featured on NCPR, NPR and the New York Times. Marble River featured in front page article in Albany Times Union. Met with local state representatives (Senator Little). Hosted Open House in Ellenburg. Hosted individual trips to operating wind farm on Tug Hill. Expanded Project office in Ellenburg. Marble River website goes live.
- Summer Marble River Summer 2005 project newsletter sent to area residents. Met with Plattsburgh Press Republican editors to correct misconceptions being advanced about wind energy. Submitted Letter-to-the-Editor clarifying misconceptions about wind power. Attended Town meeting in Ellenburg to provide project information to wind committee.
- Fall Briefed North Country Public Radio editorial staff on the Project. Presented to Rotary Club. Sponsored, and staffed an information booth at the Clinton Field Day in Churubusco. Distributed to area residents a Marble River project information piece with specifics about the Project and permitting process. Presented at special meetings in Clinton and Ellenburg to provide the public with information about the Project, particularly the economic benefits; provided information about Maple Ridge Wind Farm construction process.

Winter Conducted individual bus tours to Maple Ridge Wind Farm. Ran "Energy Independence Begins at Home" public service announcement in Plattsburgh Press Republican. Ran "Energy Independence Begins at Home" public service announcement in North Country Trade. Distributed fall newsletter to area residents. Attended Ellenburg and Clinton Town Board meetings on wind ordinance, providing information as necessary. Developed project information charts and held open house in Clinton. Hosted landowner dinner. Meetings with Clinton County IDA and Clinton County Planning Board. Attended meetings with Northern Adirondack School Board.

2006

Over the next 12 months, the Applicant will continue to provide outreach and education to the public through its expanded office and staff in Ellenburg, through tours to projects that sponsors of the Applicant operate or have under construction elsewhere in the state, through websites operated by the Applicant, by the Applicant's parents, and by the Alliance for Clean Energy New York. The Applicant plans to hold more landowner meetings and more open houses as the Project permitting process and discussions with the Towns and the county on road, PILOT and host community agreements proceed.