P-2685-026

ORIGINAL

SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

2014 SEP -3 P 3:59

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

TOWN OF GILBOA
Anthony T Van Glad, Supervisor
PO Box 267
Gilboa, New York 12076

August 6, 2014

Andy Bernick, Ph.D.
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St. NE, Washington, DC 20426

To Mr. Bernick, and FERC Staff,

The Town of Gilboa is a major stakeholder in the Blenheim-Gilboa Pump Storage Project, (no. 2685-026). As you are aware the construction of the project started in the late 1960's and started to generate power in the early 1970's. It has been providing power ever since. The project is located in two towns Gilboa and Blenheim. Blenheim has the powerhouse, most of the lower reservoir, the release works of the dam and other ancillary buildings. My town, Gilboa, has the upper reservoir, the maintenance shop, some of the lower reservoir, the upper gate house and other buildings which I don't know their functions.

With all that being said and the NYPA coming up on their 50 year license anniversary, I feel the Town of Gilboa should be considered for studies with implementation of several issues. Over the past 50 years a lot has changed in my small town, technology, rural character, business, environmental regulations, even the people have changed.

My Town Board and I have discussed what is important for the future for Gilboa. The following will be a list of what the Town needs to be looked into.

1. We would like to see a 30 year license, including 10 year intervals for public input and considerations.
2. All Town and County Roads brought up to standards within a 15 mile radius of NYPA properties.

3. A new Fire Dept Building, fire trucks and ambulance squad with two paid ALS & EMTS including fire certification. The emergency staff to be on NYPA payroll for 50 years

4. Altough cell service has been promised. It is imperative that the Town have good service. It was needed during flooding of Hurricane Irene.

5. Recreation is important to the Town. A park on old Stryker Rd architecturally designed with restrooms and running water, park furniture/playground. To be maintained by NYPA.

6. The Towns; two main municipal buildings need to be enlarged and renovated. With population change more parking is needed also.

7. The Town has 38 cemeteries that it maintains. The largest one (the Gilboa Rural Cemetery) needs upgrades.

8. Safety is always an issue. The flood inundation sirens need regular maintenance.

9. The Town Board would like to see low cost power to encourage business to grow and flourish in the town. Even for the municipal buildings.

10. I'm not sure how many acres of land the NYPA has encumbered in my town. I bet it is in the thousands (including power lines). Some sort of tax formula would help the town budget.

As you can see Mr. Bernick and FERC Staff, these are 10 major issues that my town would like to be considered. I'm not sure if some of the points are of FERC's concerns, but I hope they can be passed along.

If you would like to set up a meeting or phone call contact the Town Hall at (607) 588-6400.

Thank you for all your effort through the relicensing process.

Sincerely,
Gilboa Town Board

Anthony T Van Glad,Supervisor

Dorothy Pickett, Councilwoman

David Hartwell, Councilman

Maxwell Stryker, Councilman

Norwood Tompkins, Councilman

Town of Gilboa
Anthony T. Van Glad, Supervisor
P.O. Box 267
Gilboa, NY 12076

CERTIFIED MAIL™

7012 3460 0001 1020 9952

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

1000

20426

U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
STAMFORD, NY
12167
AUG 07 '14
AMOUNT
$6.49
00035958-04

Andy Bernick PhD
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St NE
Washington DC 20426