

Bluestone Wind Project

Case No. 16-F-0559

1001.40 Exhibit 40

Telecommunications Interconnection

EXHIBIT 40 TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERCONNECTION

Generally, it is not anticipated that the Facility will require telecommunication interconnections as defined by Article 10, 16 NYCRR § 1001.40, in that new off-site telecommunication lines are not anticipated at this time. It is likely that data will be transmitted to New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) and others using existing telecommunications facilities, as the area is generally served by existing cellular and broadband services. In addition, Facility communications will be installed on-site as part of substation and operation and maintenance (O&M) building improvements.

(a) Operational Data Transmitted to NYISO

The Facility's generating operational data will be transmitted to New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), in this case NYSEG, and will include generation data (megawatt [MW] output, megavar [MVAR], and any curtailment) and meteorological data (wind speed, wind direction, barometric pressure, ambient temperature, dew point, and humidity). The Facility's meter is anticipated to be located at the point of interconnection (POI) substation. From the metered location, generation data will travel along a fiber optic line connecting the POI substation to the adjacent collection substation. At the collection substation, an IP based network connection will be enabled. Once the collection substation and O&M building have internet service, a secure encrypted link will be established between the collection substation and the O&M building to allow for secure communication between the two buildings.

(b) Facility Operations Communications Methods

High speed internet connection will be established at the minimum point of entry. At that point, a secure encrypted link will be established over that line with the Facility's central operations center to provide real-time telemetry and other information to the appropriate parties for monitoring and reporting purposes.

At the O&M building, a similar setup will be established for high speed data communications. A Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telecommunications network will be set up that will also allow for internal communications as well as telecommunications to the public and emergency responders, if necessary. There will be secure encrypted links at both the O&M building and the minimum point of entry that will be tied back to the Applicant's corporate offices for monitoring and access to the Facility.

(c) Status of Negotiations

The regulation requires a description of the status of negotiations, or a copy of agreements that have been executed, with companies or individuals providing the communications interconnection, including any restrictions or conditions of

approval imposed on the Facility by the provider, if applicable. Such negotiations have not yet been initiated for the Facility because the need for these agreements had not been identified as of the time of the Application.

Representative Architecture (for sample purposes only)

