

**FINAL Scoping Document
For the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

**Noble Chateaugay Windpark and Noble Belmont Windpark
Franklin County, New York**

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Town of Chateaugay Town Board and Town of Belmont Town Board

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This draft scope (“Scope”) was prepared by the project sponsor as a summary of the proposed content that will appear in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in accordance with 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §§ 617.9(a)(2) and 617.9(b)(5). Noble Chateaugay Windpark, LLC and Noble Bellmont Windpark, LLC (“Noble” or “Sponsors”) propose to construct wind energy facilities with a total nominal capacity of 129 megawatts (MW) to be located in the towns of Chateaugay and Bellmont (towns), Franklin County, New York (the “Project”). The Project will include the construction, operation, and maintenance of approximately 86 wind turbines, with associated access roads and an electrical collection system.

The current wind turbine layout is preliminary and forms the basis for the calculations presented in the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) submitted to the towns as part of Noble's applications for Wind Energy Permits. The facility locations will be modified, as needed, once environmental field studies and reports are completed. A mapped facility layout, including the proposed locations of wind turbines, overhead and underground electrical collection lines, access roads, and the electrical substation will be included in the DEIS.

This scoping document will be used by the Co-Lead Agencies to determine the adequacy of the DEIS for the Project. Once accepted by the Co-Lead Agencies, the Final Scoping Document will be distributed to all agencies that responded with comments to the Draft Scoping Document. Additional agency comments will be addressed during the review of the DEIS during the public comment period.

Contents of the DEIS

Cover Page and Table of Contents: The DEIS will include a cover sheet stating that it is a DEIS, the name and location of the proposed action, and the names and addresses of the Co-Lead Agencies. The DEIS will include a copy of this Scope. The cover sheet will be followed by a table of contents. The table of contents will be followed by a list of acronyms used in the DEIS.

A copy of the draft table of contents is attached to this Scope as Exhibit A.

Executive Summary: The DEIS will include an Executive Summary. The purpose of the Executive Summary is to accurately summarize the DEIS. It will include a brief description of the Project, a description of potential environmental impacts and corresponding mitigation measures proposed, and a description of Project alternatives considered.

Section 1: Description of Proposed Action

The purpose of this section will be to provide a description of the Project that will assist the reader in understanding the Project's design and potential impacts. It will include the subsections described below.

Section 1.1, Site Description: Will present a general description of the proposed action and the areas to be impacted by the proposed action. This subsection will also define critical terms that will be utilized throughout the DEIS.

Section 1.2, Detailed Description of the Proposed Action: Will provide a more detailed description of the Project and its components, including the number of turbines proposed, preparation of the Project Site, operations and maintenance, turbine selection and technical details, and power generation. A description of the turbines to be erected, turbine components, associated facilities, and how they will be constructed and interconnected will be included.

The description will include or reference figures that show the following:

- The location of each proposed turbine;
- All proposed facilities, including access roads, electrical lines, substations, and equipment staging areas;
- Typical drawings of the turbines showing total height and dimensions; and
- Typical drawings of access roads and collection lines.

Section 1.3, Project Alternatives: Will describe the methodology used to select the Project Site and the criteria and methods used to select turbine and collection system locations. Each of the siting criteria will be described and the methodology for applying each criterion in the evaluation of alternative Project and turbine locations will be explained. The following Project alternatives, considering the objectives and capabilities of the Project Sponsors, will be evaluated: alternative Project sizes; alternative turbine design, size, and technology; alternative tower and turbine color; and the “No Build” alternative. Specific actions taken to minimize impacts on wetlands and agricultural lands will be discussed. Specific actions will include a comparison of overhead and underground placement of the electrical collection system. The comparison includes analysis of environmental, construction, aesthetic, and agricultural concerns. The decision to utilize overhead lines is primarily based on avoiding and/or minimizing impact to streams or wetlands, construction limitations and avoiding and/or minimize impact to forested areas by utilizing overhead placement along existing public and private roads.

Section 1.4, Project Purpose, Need, and Benefits: Will be to explain the purpose, public need, and benefits of the proposed action, including social and economic considerations. The need for the Project at the national and regional level will be evaluated in the context of state and federal energy policies. The benefits of the Project to the towns will also be evaluated.

Section 1.5, Required Permits and Approvals: Will include a list of local, state, and federal permits and approvals necessary for the proposed Project as well as a summary table documenting agency and public consultation. As requested by the NYSDEC, this list of permits will include, among others, an Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands permit, Article 15 Stream Disturbance Permit, and a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification. . As requested by the NYDPS, this list of permits will include, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Noble Chateaugay Windpark and a petition for a declaratory ruling of non-jurisdiction for the Noble Belmont Windpark, among others, Applicable Agency Correspondence will be included in Appendix C of the DEIS.

Section 2: Environmental Setting, Potential Impacts, and Proposed Mitigation

The objective of this section will be to describe the current conditions in the Project Area and to evaluate, on a resource-specific basis, the potential adverse environmental impacts of the Project. Emphasis will be placed on identifying anticipated short-term and long-term environmental impacts caused by construction and operation of the proposed Project and on identifying and discussing measures to avoid, reduce, or mitigate potential impacts on existing environmental resources, including suggested refinements in Project facility site location, design, or operation. Areas identified in parts 2 and 3 of the EAF as having potentially significant impacts will be assessed thoroughly in the DEIS. The resource areas described below will be evaluated:

Geology: Will include a description of the geologic and topographic conditions at the Project Site including any unique geologic conditions at a proposed turbine site. A discussion of the potential for earthquakes at the project site will be included. The description of the geology at each turbine site will be based on field observations and a review of applicable literature including the United State Geological Survey (USGS) and the New York State Museum (NYSM) - GIS statewide data sets for surficial and bedrock geology and faults of New York State. Any potential construction and operational impacts will be evaluated. Constraints to development caused by geology or topography as well as recommended mitigation to avoid impacts will be discussed.

Soils: Will include a description of regional soil types and a calculation of the total area of soil disturbance resulting from the construction of all of the Project components. Impacts on various soil types from the Project will be quantified. Any remedial needs and methods that will be undertaken to avoid or minimize construction and post-construction disturbance of soils will be identified and described. Existing agricultural resource maps and information provided by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYSDAM) will be analyzed and their windpower-specific mitigation measures will be discussed including consideration and integration into the facility layout. Methods will be described to achieve compliance with NYSDAM guidelines which can be found in Appendix S of the DEIS (when practicable) for the

restoration of soils in agricultural areas. The description of the soils at each turbine site will be based on a review of applicable literature. Soils limitations on siting turbines, access roads, construction laydown areas, and electric gathering lines will be addressed and analyzed, including depth to bedrock. Soils data will be obtained from state and federal soils databases and from the Natural Resource Conservation Service's databases, the State Soil Geographic Database (STATSGO). Any specific constraints to underground placement of electric gathering lines will be identified, and a cost-benefit type analysis will be provided where overhead placement is proposed. Turbine siting and other agricultural concerns will be discussed in sections 2.4 and 2.24.

Water Resources: Will describe groundwater, surface-water, and drinking-water resources within the Project Area. Descriptions of water resources will be obtained from field observations and reviews of applicable documents, maps, and electronic databases, including information derived from topographic surveys of the Project footprint and documents published by the USGS. Information will be obtained from the following state and federal sources:

- The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) 2004 Section 303(d) Streams List, found at <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dow/303dcalm.html> .
- United States Geological Survey, Groundwater Levels for the Nation, found at http://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/gwlevels/?site_no=445052073350201.

Information for groundwater resources will include depth to groundwater, presence of deep and shallow aquifers, wellhead protection, and aquifer recharge areas, where available. Information for surface water resources will include stream type (perennial, intermittent), name, width, bank conditions and soil conditions, flow rates, and any special designations (fisheries, classes, etc.). Information for drinking water resources will include locations of surface water intakes and wells, where available. Information for irrigation wells will also be included in this section, where available.

Potential construction and operation impacts on water resources from the proposed Project will be evaluated, and recommended measures to avoid, reduce, or mitigate

impacts will be discussed. Concerns for maintaining existing hydrology will be addressed.

Wetlands: Will present a general description of wetlands resources in the Project Area and the value of those resources within the Project Area and will include maps of delineated wetlands. All state and federal wetlands, streams, and open water bodies existing in the Project Area will be identified in Section 2.7 and any potential impacts to those resources will be discussed in Section 2.8. All wetlands in areas where potential direct and indirect impacts may occur due to Project construction and operation will be identified on a map. Wetlands delineation maps will be developed based on field studies and any disturbances to delineated wetlands will also be identified. Wetland delineations will be performed according to standards and procedures outlined in the United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) *Wetland Delineation Manual* (Environmental Laboratories 1987) and the NYSDEC *Freshwater Wetland Delineation Manual* (1995). The Wetland Resources Methodology is attached to this scope as Exhibit B. The wetlands delineation report will be in Appendix D of the DEIS.

All efforts to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts on jurisdictional and delineated wetlands will be described. The overriding economic and social needs for the Project that outweigh the environmental costs of the impacts will be demonstrated and discussed in the DEIS. Any alternative Project designs that avoid and reduce impacts to regulated wetlands will be examined. If impacts on wetlands or stream crossings are identified, the proposed project will implement all mitigation measures (such as offsets) contained in permits obtained. The Wetland Mitigation Plan will be included in Appendix E of the DEIS.

Biological Resources: Section 2.9 and Section 2.10 will characterize the plant and animal communities within the Project Area. A map of the project site depicting all identified plant communities will be provided. A wildlife species list for the Project Area will be developed based on field observations, consultation with USFWS and NYSDEC, and review of existing data. Copies of any correspondence with federal or state regulatory officials on this issue will be included in Appendix C in the DEIS. The DEIS

will also evaluate the potential for state and federally listed endangered, threatened, or special-concern wildlife species, including the Indiana bat and the Bald Eagle, to be located in the project site as migrants or residents. See the Bird and Bat Resources subsection below for a further discussion of this issue. Potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures, if any, will be described.

Bird and Bat Resources: Will describe the bird and bat species and habitat present within the Project Area and evaluate the potential impact on habitat and the mortality risk presented to birds and bats during construction and by the operation of the turbines in Sections 2.11 and 2.12 of the DEIS, and Appendix F in the Bird and Bat Risk Assessment. All surveys will comply with the Bird and Bat Resources Data Collection and Risk Assessment Methodology attached to this scope as Exhibit C. A baseline avian survey of the Project Area during migratory and breeding seasons including reconnaissance surveys will be included to document bird species, threatened and endangered species, and appropriate habitat. The seasonal occurrence and distribution of birds in the Project Area will be described. In addition, the results of nocturnal radar and bat acoustical monitoring studies of the proposed Project Area will be presented. Radar studies will include weather information. An evaluation of the seasonal occurrence and distribution of birds and bats and an assessment of the potential for listed, endangered, or threatened avian species to be located within the project site will be provided in Section 2.12 of the DEIS. If the Project will have an impact on endangered and/or threatened species, the NYSDEC will have jurisdiction under Article 11 of the Environmental Conservation Law. Based on the above information, a qualitative assessment of the risk to birds and bats by the proposed project will be presented in Appendix F. The preliminary report to be prepared will evaluate the results from the post-construction bird and bat mortality study based on the first year of data. Proposed mitigation measures, including plans for a post-construction mortality study, will be described in Section 2.12.3.3. A work plan for post construction monitoring is included in Appendix F. The study will include a discussion of practical adaptive management strategies, if significant adverse impacts occur. The mortality study methodology will also be evaluated in this preliminary report and, if necessary, changes identified for implementing the second year of the mortality study. A similar preliminary report will be prepared after the second year

of the study and a final report evaluating all of the data collected during the study will be prepared after the third year of the study. Noble will continue to coordinate with the NYSDEC regarding the adequacy of survey methodologies following review of the annual reports. The need for adaptive management strategies and possible mitigation measures will be assessed based on the results of the previous year's surveys.

Visual Resources: Will describe the existing vistas in the Project Area and evaluate Project impacts on those vistas. The DEIS will contain a visual impact assessment (VIA) of the Project prepared in accordance with the NYSDEC policy, Assessing and Mitigating Visual Impacts. As recommended in this policy, the DEIS VIA examines a 5 mile study area from each turbine location. From sensitive receptor areas, such as Lyon Mountain, an additional simulation is included. Visual change caused by facility siting will be described and analyzed, and specific visual contrasts introduced by facility siting will be identified. Specific contrasting elements with specific landscape characteristics will be described. The VIA will include computerized photographic simulations of representative vistas, demonstrating visual impacts from multiple vantage points. Foreground, middle ground and background distance viewpoints will be specified and analyzed. Local and regional significant public resources will be identified on a map and evaluated. The existing visual character of the landscape will be described and viewer groups within this area will be identified. The impacts indirectly caused by lighting requirements imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration will be described. The visual analysis will also indicate the color treatment of the Project's components and any visual screening intended to lessen visual prominence. The visual analysis will describe and analyze visual change through photographic visual simulations and identify specific visual contrasts introduced by the facility.

The visual analysis will address the Chateaugay and Bellmont Projects separately and together, cumulatively with other nearby approved Noble projects and the proposed Marble River project, and any other wind projects proposed in the area. Viewpoints specified and analyzed in the visual analysis will include locations of historic importance and locations of local importance, including those which define community character. Visual resource analysis will be coordinated with Project historic resources analysis. A

Cumulative Regional Vegetated Viewshed Analysis Map which identifies points from which multiple projects can be seen will be included in the visual cumulative study. In addition, sensitive visual receptors will be identified in the viewshed maps included the VRA as part of Appendix G. Mitigation measures will be considered in conjunction with our Cultural Resource Plan found in Appendix O. Offset mitigation will be explored, as appropriate.

An analysis will also be performed to identify locations where structures may cast shadows and the expected durations and character of such shadows. The study will include an analysis of mitigation measures or potential mitigation options to evaluate the adequacy of mitigation measures under consideration. The analysis of visual resources will be conducted in accordance with the Visual Resources Impact Assessment Methodology, attached as Exhibit D, as well as the NYSDEC policy referenced above, attached as Exhibit E.

Alternative turbine layouts were considered during the siting process. A discussion will be included in the VRA about minimizing visual impacts.

Sound: Will evaluate Project sound levels and determine whether Project operations will meet applicable state and local noise standards. The DEIS will include a discussion of any laws, regulations, or official guidance governing the potential noise impact of the Project. A noise modeling analysis will be performed documenting the sound levels associated with the operation of the proposed turbines and comparing them with local noise ordinances. Sound from construction will also be specifically addressed. Low frequencies from the Project will be addressed. The noise modeling analysis will be conducted in accordance with the Noise Assessment Methodology attached to this Scope as Exhibit F.

Climate and Air Quality: Will discuss the expected net impact of construction of the proposed Project to air quality within the Project Area. The expected impacts of increased dust and emissions during construction will be described. Mitigation measures

will be identified and implemented where necessary to avoid or correct any adverse impacts quickly.

A general discussion comparing air impacts from windparks to fossil fuel-burning electricity sources will also be provided. Emission comparison estimates will be provided for the following contaminants:

- Nitrogen oxides;
- Sulfur dioxide;
- Carbon dioxide;
- Particulate matter; and
- Mercury emissions.

Communication Signal Study: Will present a description of the existing microwave transmitters identified within the Project Area and the steps taken to avoid impacts on these transmitters from turbines. Radio-wave studies will be included with evaluations demonstrating and discussing the potential for Project components to interfere with existing microwave, radio, television, personal communications systems, and other wireless communication. Also included will be a report on the search for existing microwave transmitters that was performed within the Project Area as well as figures demonstrating that turbines have been located so as to avoid interference with microwave signals. This subsection will evaluate path clearance based upon existing frequency user- or industry-defined criteria, identify nearby transmitters already licensed, and identify potential areas where turbines might cause reflective interference from a nearby system. The DEIS will list the site name, call sign, status, location, frequency band, ground elevation, path azimuths, antenna centerline, antenna manufacturer and model, and antenna gain for any identified existing microwave transmitters.

Existing Utilities: Descriptions and/or figures will be presented that demonstrate that the wind energy turbine towers are located at a distance of at least 1.5 times the total wind turbine height from existing utilities, in accordance with local law.

Traffic and Transportation: Will provide a discussion of the current traffic and transportation conditions, potential impacts public utility and transportation infrastructure, and the ways in which impacts from traffic and transportation associated with the Project will be minimized and/or mitigated in Sections 2.21 and 2.22 of the DEIS. The DEIS will contain a discussion identifying primary travel routes for the construction of the project and project operations, any limiting road conditions that exist, and any known traffic safety or congestion problems within the area surrounding the project components. The gross weights and heights of loaded vehicles that will be utilized for construction and operations will be provided. A Traffic and Transportation Plan will be appended to the DEIS (Appendix K). This Plan, combined with the DEIS, will be designed to (1) minimize traffic impacts from construction and delivery vehicles; (2) avoid project-related traffic during times of school bus activity; and (3) avoid impacts on local business operations. The Plan will also include a section on the dissemination of traffic route information to the public.

Land Use: Will describe existing regional and local land use trends, local community facilities, character of the community and applicable comprehensive/land use plans, if any. As Franklin County and the towns of Chateaugay and Bellmont do not have a comprehensive land use plan or a zoning ordinance, this subsection will evaluate whether the project will be consistent with existing land uses as observed in the field and with the requirements of the towns' local laws regarding Wind Energy Facilities. Any potential areas of conflict, if present (e.g., where the proposed Project may be inconsistent with local existing, proposed, or future land uses, or not in compliance with local laws) will be identified and discussed. Recommended measures to avoid, reduce, or mitigate impacts will be discussed, including the implementation of all mitigation measures (adjustments to facility locations, timing of construction and maintenance activities, etc.) recommended by local, regional, and state review agencies, where appropriate.

Socioeconomics: Will describe the existing socioeconomic conditions in the Project Area, including available housing/lodging, economy and employment, and budgets. The existing tax base and tax contributions from various sources will be identified and the

current budgets for the county, town, and local school district will be described. This information will be obtained from the Franklin County Treasurer's Office and the New York State Department of Education (NYSDOE). A discussion of impacts on low-income and minority populations will be included, in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner's Policy 29. In addition, any impacts on community services or growth, and character of the community will also be discussed in Section 2.26. The short-term impacts caused by project construction and long-term impacts over the life of the project will be evaluated. In accordance with the towns' local Wind Energy Facilities laws, the DEIS will contain a property-value analysis prepared by a licensed appraiser regarding the potential impact of values of properties neighboring wind energy conversion system (WECS) Sites. An analysis of the Project's purpose, need, and benefits (including potential positive benefits to the community) is provided in Section 1.4.

An estimate will be made of the total annual economic effects from construction and operations of the Project. The impacts on short- and long-term employment opportunities from the proposed Project will be described.

Construction: Will describe the plan for construction and installation of all Project components, including access roads, turbines, and the collection system. The location of turbine laydown and staging areas will be discussed (Appendix Q – in particular the Chateaugay Business Park). The section will include a construction schedule describing commencement and completion date, a description of the routes to be used by construction and delivery vehicles, and the gross weights and heights of those loaded vehicles. Methods to minimize impacts during construction will be discussed. Preconstruction documentation, monitoring of the Project during and after construction, post-construction monitoring and restoration, implementation of best management practices and complaint resolution procedures will be provided. In addition, approval will be requested to discharge any stormwater during the construction of the facility. This general permit, administered under the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) program, will be requested through filing of the "Notice of Intent" prior to the start of construction. A draft Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan is included in Appendix R of the DEIS.

Noble will comply with all applicable laws, regulations and permit conditions for mitigation for the Project Site. As set forth in Section 1.2 of the DEIS, Noble will retain an environmental compliance monitor to coordinate environmental monitoring activities as they are conducted and will provide a compliance monitoring document as part of its Quality Assurance Program which will contain permit conditions and other applicable requirements as well as Noble's commitments regarding mitigation associated with stream disturbance, vegetation removal, storm water management, erosion control and agricultural impacts. The DEIS analyzes the impacts and mitigation proposed for decommissioning in Section 2.28 and Appendix M. The DEIS will address both onsite and off-site mitigation for wetlands and cultural resources in Sections 2.7-3.31 and Appendices E & S.

Decommissioning Plan: Will describe the decommissioning plan developed for the proposed project. Consistent with the Wind Energy Facilities laws of each town, the plan will describe the anticipated life of the WECS, the estimated decommissioning costs in current dollars and explanation of how the estimate was determined, the method of ensuring that funds will be available for decommissioning and restoration, and the manner in which the WECS will be decommissioned and the Site restored. A copy of this decommissioning plan will be appended to the DEIS.

Health and Safety: Will describe the existing fire protection and emergency response capabilities and will evaluate whether those capabilities are sufficient to support the project; will also describe how the Project meets the safety measures required by the Wind Energy Facilities laws of both towns. A draft Health and Safety Plan will be appended to the DEIS. The potential for snow and ice shed from the turbines will be evaluated, and safety concerns from these potentialities will be discussed. The DEIS will address winter time users that could be affected (farmers, snowmobilers, etc.), and describe mitigation measures that will be taken to reduce or eliminate the risks from snow and ice fall.

Cultural Resources: Will describe culturally significant resources located in the Project Area and evaluate the potential for impacts on these resources in Sections 2.30 and 2.31 of the DEIS. Specifically, this subsection will describe existing cultural resources within the Areas of Potential Effect (APEs) for the proposed Project, consisting of a 1.0-mile radius around the Project footprint for archaeological resources and a 5.0-mile radius around the Project footprint for architectural resources, or such other APEs specified by appropriate agencies. A literature review will be conducted to determine which resources have already been documented within the Project Area including research completed for adjacent windparks, where no significant incremental impact is expected. Additional archaeological and architectural resource surveys of the Project Area will be prepared in consultation with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). An architectural survey identifying potentially eligible National Register Historic Properties within a 5-mile radius of the outer boundary of the turbine sites (or such other areas that may be specified by OPRHP) will be completed and submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office. All cultural resource investigations (archaeological and architectural) will be performed in accordance with the OPRHP's *Guidelines for Wind Farm Development Cultural Resources Survey Work* (2006), *State Historic Preservation Office Archaeological Report Format Requirements* (2005), *The New York Archaeological Council's Standards for Cultural Resources Investigations and the Curation of Archaeological Collections in New York State* (1994), *How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation* (1995), and *Guidelines for Evaluating and Registering Archeological Properties* (2000). The results of the archaeological investigations will be reported according to the new *State Historic Preservation Office Archaeological Report Format Requirements* (2005). The Guidelines for Wind Farm Development identified above are attached to this Scope as Exhibit G.

Potential construction and operation impacts on cultural resources will be evaluated, and recommended measures to avoid, reduce, or mitigate for impacts will be discussed, including the implementation of all mitigation measures (adjustments to facility locations, vegetative screening, exterior design of wind turbines (material, color, and reflectivity), timing of construction and maintenance activities, the indirect mitigation for

potential impact on historic structures, etc.) as recommended by local, regional, and state review and regulatory agencies, where appropriate.

The historic structures analysis will consider the landscape setting of structures, and potential changes in the setting due to construction and operation of facility components including wind turbines and overhead electric lines.

Noble will comply with any State and Federal permits required, and will identify the extent of any state or federal agency involvement. The results and status of any studies undertaken will be described in Appendices O (Architectural Survey) & P (Archaeological Survey).

The DEIS will discuss mitigation for any potential cultural resource impacts in the Cultural Resource Mitigation Plan, found in Appendix O. This plan calls for the submission by Noble of semi-annual reports on progress to NYSHPO, NYSDPS, NYSDEC, and USACE by project heading summarizing program status, expenditures, and estimated dates of completion. As such, the use of an environmental monitor is not discussed in relation to cultural resource mitigation.

Section 3: Cumulative Impacts

The purpose of this section of the DEIS is to evaluate whether there is a potential for cumulative impacts to occur from the Project, in addition to the previously approved Noble projects in the towns of Altona, Clinton, and Ellenburg as well as the proposed Marble River and Windhorse projects (by different project sponsors), all of which were evaluated in the Joint Final Environmental impact Statement (FEIS) for the Altona, Clinton, and Ellenburg projects. The cumulative impact evaluation will address all areas of environmental concern analyzed in the DEIS but will focus on potential impacts such as visual, noise, land use, socioeconomics, risks to birds and bats, electromagnetic interference, cultural resources, and air quality. The potential cumulative impacts on soils, wetlands, biological resources, and transportation will also be discussed.

Section 4: References

A list of all sources utilized in the preparation of the DEIS will be presented.

Section 5: List of Preparers

A list of all those entities involved in the preparation of the DEIS will be included.