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**Noble Windparks to Create Over 725 North Country Construction Jobs**  
*Economic benefits include \$1.71 million in new annual revenues  
 for local governments and schools*

CHURUBUSCO, NY – Noble Environmental’s proposed renewable energy windparks will create more than 725 new construction jobs and generate some \$1.71 million in new annual revenues for local governments and public schools in Clinton County, according to company estimates released today.

In addition to the hundreds of construction jobs, Noble’s windparks in the towns of Clinton, Ellenburg and Altona will create an estimated 39 permanent, well-paying jobs that will also provide health care and other benefits, the company said. As many permanent jobs as possible will go to Clinton County residents, said Charles C. Hinckley, CEO of Noble Environmental Power. The total economic impact of Noble’s three Clinton County windparks is estimated at \$360 million over twenty years.

“Windparks provide tremendous benefits to both the environment and the economy,” Mr. Hinckley said. “Our windparks will provide a huge boost to the local economy and, by making new tax payments to local schools, help reduce pressure on local school property taxes.”

This chart summarizes the job creation and other economic gains from Noble’s windparks:

<b>Economic Benefits of Noble’s Clinton County Windparks</b>				
	<b>Altona</b>	<b>Clinton</b>	<b>Ellenburg</b>	<b>Total</b>
Number of megawatts	102	102	81	<b>285</b>
Number of construction jobs (estimated)	292	242	194	<b>728</b>
Number of permanent jobs (estimated)	13	13	13	<b>39</b>
\$\$ per year in taxes and Town Benefit Payments (proposed)	\$612,000	\$612,000	\$486,000	<b>\$1,710,000</b>
<i>...amount of this that would be for Northern Adirondack Central School District (proposed)</i>	\$275,000	\$219,000	\$111,000	<b>\$605,000</b>
\$\$ per year of economic development during construction (estimated)	\$54,310,000	\$45,800,000	\$36,760,000	<b>\$136,870,000</b>
\$\$ per year of economic development during operations (estimated)	\$3,790,000	\$3,980,000	\$3,430,000	<b>\$11,200,000</b>
\$\$ of economic development over 20 years operations (estimated)	\$75,800,000	\$79,600,000	\$68,600,000	<b>\$224,000,000</b>
<b>Total economic impact over 20 years [construction + operations] (estimated)</b>				<b>\$360,870,000</b>

The economic impacts of the windparks are estimated to total more than \$136 million during construction, and \$11 million each year during operation.

Noble's windparks are also estimated to create 728 new construction jobs and 39 new permanent jobs. In addition, \$605,000 in new tax revenues will be paid to the Northern Adirondack Central School District. This represents 15% of the District's proposed 2006-07 real property tax levy and would make Noble the District's biggest taxpayer.

“This new tax revenue is particularly beneficial because it will help improve local schools without raising property taxes,” Mr. Hinckley said.

The economic impacts were calculated using the Jobs and Economic Development Impact model, which was developed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Town Boards in Altona, Clinton and Ellenburg are currently reviewing Noble's windpark applications, filed under the local laws adopted in the three towns. Noble has also submitted Draft Environmental Impact Statements to each of the three towns as part of the State Environmental Quality Review process.

This month, the Clinton County Industrial Development Agency will hold public hearings on the windparks. The town boards will also hold public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statements. The hearings schedule is below.

**Monday, 5/15**

- Altona IDA Hearing, Altona Town Hall, 5 p.m.
- NACS Board Meeting, Northern Adirondack Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 5/17**

- Ellenburg IDA Hearing, Ellenburg Town Hall, 5 p.m.

**Monday, 5/22**

- Clinton IDA Hearing, Churubusco Firehouse, 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, 5/24**

- Ellenburg DEIS Hearing, Ellenburg Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, 5/25**

- Clinton DEIS Hearing, Churubusco Firehouse, 7 p.m.

**Friday, 5/26**

- Altona DEIS Hearing, Altona Town Hall, 7 pm.

**About Noble Environmental Power:** Noble is a leading renewable energy company that is majority owned by J P Morgan Partners and was founded in 2004 in response to public policy initiatives designed to foster the increased use of renewable energy sources. Noble is committed to creating environmentally friendly facilities in partnership with local communities. Based in Essex, CT, Noble has North Country offices in Malone and Churubusco, NY; and other offices in Arcade, NY, and Bad Axe, MI. For more information, please visit [www.noblepower.com](http://www.noblepower.com), or email to [info@noblepower.com](mailto:info@noblepower.com).

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