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### **EXPERTS CONFIRM THAT JORDANVILLE WIND PROJECT WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY KARST TOPOGRAPHY**

As with every project Community Energy develops, multiple in-depth studies are performed to assure that the proposed area is appropriate for a wind farm. In the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), the hydrogeology, geology, and topography of the project area was studied extensively.

The additional data collected by professional engineers for the SDEIS indicate that the limestone bedrock is competent. Community Energy will position turbine locations and engineer their foundations to avoid and design for karst features.

The Onondaga Formation and/or Helderberg Group that is found in the project area, extends across Upstate New York, including the Cities of Auburn, Waterloo, Honeoye Falls, Batavia and Buffalo. Development within these cities has not been hampered by the presence of limestone or the potential for karst conditions. Therefore the presence of limestone alone should not be a restriction on development in the region. Ernie Hanna, P.E., Manager of GZA GeoEnvironmental's Buffalo, NY office stated that the test borings carried out to examine subsurface conditions within the project area show that "the general area would be suitable for turbine construction from a geotechnical standpoint."

Best practice and sound engineering generally require that test borings be done at foundation locations to determine geological conditions. Community Energy is following this practice. Based on the present data collected, karst features are not a problem at the proposed turbine locations.

In December of 2002, the town of Middletown in Otsego County, as a lead agency, approved a final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on the capacities of the region. The GEIS examined environmental conditions of the area and analyzed capacity of the region for future growth. The study concluded that "...a site underlain by competent limestone does not require restrictions simply because limestone is present". Middletown's GEIS further states that "Karst terrain is not necessarily present everywhere that limestone bedrock exists. The GEIS recommends the characteristics of the limestone bedrock present at a particular site should be determined on a project-by-project basis.

Families having farmed here for generations are very familiar with the karst topography and have avoided karst features when erecting silos that at times hold up to 350 tons. To compare, a fully constructed turbine weighs approximately 340 tons.

The 136 MW Jordanville Wind farm is expected to generate \$6.3 million in wage and salary compensation paid to local workers during construction, create full-time jobs, distribute annual land lease payments and generate approximately \$800,000 in annual revenues for local governments and school districts. Each year, the Jordanville Wind Farm will displace more than 232,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, 1,180 tons of SO<sub>2</sub>, 320 tons of NO<sub>x</sub>, and has the capacity to provide the electric needs of over 51,000 homes with clean, homegrown power.

If you have any questions regarding the detail of the studies specific to this site, please contact Skip Brennan at 518-581-8183. If you have any general questions regarding Community Energy or its parent company, Iberdrola, please contact Paul Copleman at 484-654-0106.

***About Community Energy, Inc.***

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