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Subject: Icebreaker Windpower, Inc. Case #16-1871- EL-BGN

Good Afternoon,

With the upcoming vote as to whether or not a permit will be issued for construction of the Icebreaker Windpower, Inc. project, there are still questions that need to be answered. I am including, below, portions of a letter I sent to the USDOE on 5/14/2020. I have not received a response.

Further below that letter is one I received from the USDOE, Liz Hartman in 2017 regarding ownership and financial assistance for the project. Reading the highlighted information, it is clear that USDOE money that was first awarded to LEEDCo can not be transferred to the new project owner, Fred Olsen, without a novation request and approval. To date, I have not been able to find out if this process has happened.

Does the OPSB know whether the referred to assets have, in fact, been applied for and transferred to Fred Olsen? Can a permit be issued if the funding sources are either unknown, have not been properly applied for, or if the financial assistance from the USDOE has been terminated? I believe the public has the right to know the answer to these questions, and the OPSB has the obligation to confirm funding sources.

As you know, I am adamantly opposed to the Icebreaker project. Adding to the environmental, economic, safety, lake protection, public trust, and other reasons for my opposition is ongoing lack of financial ownership, which has an air of secrecy.

Hoping for the appropriate decision,

Suzanne Albright
Great Lakes Wind Truth

5/14/2020

Good Afternoon Ms. Hartman,

Hope you are well and surviving the pandemic and its consequences. That being said, the saga of Icebreaker Windpower, Inc. continues. Awaiting a decision from the OPSB regarding the issuance of a permit or not, there are still questions remaining:

- Does LEEDCo still own the information highlighted in yellow (below)?
- How much of the \$40 million has currently been granted, and to whom? LEEDCo? Fred Olsen?
- Has a novation request been submitted? Granted? If not, has financial support been terminated?
- Does the DOE require a copy of the insurance policy for the project, and if so, is the public allowed to review it?

Thank you and best regards,
Suzanne Albright

-----Original Message-----

From: Hartman, Liz <Liz.Hartman@ee.doe.gov>

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Sent: Tue, Sep 19, 2017 7:08 pm

Subject: RE: More questions and evidence regarding ownership of Icebreaker

Dear Suzanne,

Thank you for your inquiry about the 2016 Offshore Wind Technologies Market Report. This report is a snapshot in time to explain the current state of the U.S. offshore wind market. The legal [disclaimer](#) at the beginning of the report is a [requirement](#) for all DOE-funded reports. This is standard language that has been used by DOE and other agencies for years. While this language has existed since before I started working for the federal government, I believe its intent is to indicate that readers should not make major binding financial decisions based solely on the information in the report, largely because information is subject to change after publication.

To date, [LEEDCo has collected information, conducted analyses, proposed an engineering design, etc. for the Icebreaker project. While LEEDCo currently owns this information,](#) the project has not yet been built, so LEEDCo does not own physical assets related to the project.

[For future reference, if a prime recipient were to transfer assets related to an Energy Department-funded project to a third party, they would need to submit a novation request to transfer their award from one party to the other. At that time, the Department would assess the third party, and the transfer of project assets, in order to determine whether to novate, or to terminate the financial assistance agreement.](#)

-Liz Hartman
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