



# TOWN OF LONG LAKE

Clay J. Arsenault

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July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

National Grid

221 Old Campion Rd.

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Town Supervisor has been in discussion with representatives of National Grid regarding Project CAMP following the public information session in Raquette Lake on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. National Grid invited a follow up letter to National Grid's e-mail acknowledgement of June 16th, 2023.

Our constituents are now asking us for clarification of your June 16th, 2023, response. We understand the complexity of the situation but would like to give our community a more definitive sense of the direction you plan to take.

We would also like to re-state that the members of the Town Board would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with National Grid concerning timing for decision making, alternative sites under consideration, and the contractual economics you are confronting. Additionally, we would appreciate knowing what statements or communications you might suggest we make to the Department of Public Service or any other governmental entity concerning the proposed location of Project CAMP.

We below signed Town Board members, again request that National Grid and REV Renewables cease further work to place a battery energy storage system within the Hamlet of Raquette Lake. We demand that our Town be respected and protected from a project that is potentially harmful to the environment and community, economically unsound, and therefore, has no support from our constituents.

Sincerely,

Clay J. Arsenault  
Town Supervisor

Richard Dechene  
Town Councilman

Thomas Donnelly  
Town Councilman

Clark J. Seaman  
Town Councilman

Mark A. Bird  
Town Councilman



July 10, 2023

Clay J. Arsenault  
Town Supervisor  
1130 Deerland Rd.  
Long Lake, NY 12847

Dear Supervisor Arsenault,

Thank you for your letter of July 3<sup>rd</sup> addressed to National Grid. The Company is very appreciative of your office's openness to dialogue with regard to Project CAMP. We recognize that following the public information session in Raquette Lake, your constituents have raised questions regarding the project. Since that meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, National Grid has been in constant contact with REV Renewables regarding their engagement, and plans for addressing the issues raised around the project. National Grid views this project to bring much needed electric reliability and system improvements to the community as viable solution to a historic problem faced by this community. That said, partnership and collaboration with the communities we serve is a top priority of ours. We do not intend to advance this project without addressing the community's concerns and will be working with REV Renewables to do just that.

As you know, renewable energy projects, particularly those with zero emissions, are cornerstones of the State's clean energy plan. Public Service Commission has set standards for utilities with regard to battery and storage solutions. National Grid has contracted with REV Renewables to build and maintain the 20-megawatt (MW) / 40-megawatt-hour (MWh) battery energy storage system, which will be located off Antlers Road in the hamlet of Raquette Lake. The battery energy storage system will store electricity during normal grid operations and provide a backup source of electricity when an outage occurs to form a microgrid – adding resiliency and solving a historic problem faced by our customers in the area. The microgrid will support approximately 6,000 customers served by National Grid's White Lake, Old Forge, Eagle Bay and Raquette Lake electric substations. We did this in reliance on the approvals from the Town, which embraced this solution in its own long term energy plan, and following years of study, engineering, and engagement.

National Grid is happy to meet with members of the Town Board to discuss this matter further. I have asked REV Renewables to assemble additional materials in support of that conversation. This information has likely been previously shared in various forums, but to your point we will address alternative sites considered, fire risk mitigation, environmental impacts, external engagement and cost effectiveness. Additionally, we recently met with the Department of Public Service and briefed NYSERDA on recent developments. We will share insights from those conversations when we meet.

I have asked Rich Fox to work with you to coordinate schedules for a meeting. I look forward to speaking with you, addressing concerns, and working together on a mutually acceptable solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan X. Grimaldi', with a stylized, flowing script.

Bryan X. Grimaldi  
Vice President, Corporate Affairs - NY