State Environmental Quality Review

Notice of Completion of Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement & Notice of SEQRA Public Hearing

Date: October 26, 2010

This notice is issued pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

A Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement has been completed and accepted by the Legislature of the County of Cayuga as lead agency, for the proposed action described below.

Name of Action: Cayuga County Emergency Communications Project

Lead Agency: Cayuga County Legislature
160 Genesee Street
Auburn, NY 13021

SEQRA Status: The County has determined that the Project is a Type I Action.

Description of Action: The County proposes to implement an Emergency Communications Project for voice and data radio communications services to enable public safety and public service entities operating within Cayuga County to better respond to and protect our citizens. The Project would include development of a state-of-the-art digital trunked land mobile radio system. The proposed Project is fundamentally an infrastructure, a collection of radio sites located throughout the County interconnected by a network, monitored and controlled by a pair of redundant operations centers.

The network would consist of a number of antennas collocated on existing telecommunications towers and/or sited on new towers constructed at locations yet to be determined. Additionally, one or more operations centers will be constructed and/or sited in existing facilities.

Location: The Project will involve the establishment of Project facilities in locations across Cayuga County, and where necessary due to geographic coverage requirements, in certain areas adjacent to Cayuga County. The eventual locations for the facilities will be selected to avoid, to the extent practicable, previously undeveloped sites. The use of existing county-owned infrastructure and properties will be a priority.

Public Hearing: The County will conduct a public hearing on the DGEIS at the BOCES, 1879 West Genesee Street Road, Room 1, Auburn, NY 13021, on November 18, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Written Comments: Comments on the Draft GEIS are requested and will be accepted by the contact person identified below until the close of business on Monday November 29, 2010.

Potential Environmental Impacts: The draft generic environmental impact statement (DGEIS) identifies and examines the following potential impacts: various natural resources including geology, air quality, water resources, terrestrial and aquatic ecology and agricultural resources; human resources including transportation systems, compatibility with existing land use and zoning, community services and demography; cultural resources including visual resources, noise disturbance, historical and archaeological resources; and public health and safety associated with, among other things, radiofrequency electromagnetic emissions. The DGEIS also considers potential secondary and cumulative impacts of the Project, and alternatives to the Project (including the "No Build" alternative).

A copy of the Draft / Final EIS may be obtained from:

Contact Person: Fred Westphal, Esq.

Address: 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY 13021

Telephone Number: (315) 253-1274

A copy of the DGEIS is available for inspection at the Seymour Public Library, 176 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY 13021 and at http://co.cayuga.ny.us/radio-project.html

A copy of this notice must be sent to:

Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-1750

Chief Executive Officer

Any person who has requested a copy of the Draft / Final EIS

Any other involved agencies

Environmental Notice Bulletin, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1750

Copies of the Draft/Final EIS must be distributed according to 6NYCRR 617.12(b).