



Wendy J. Ryerson  
Lee County Administrator  
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March 9, 2023

TO: Department of Energy (DOE), Grid Deployment Office (GDO)

Re: Letter of Commitment for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) DE-FOA-0002740

To Whom It May Concern:

Lee County, Illinois is pleased to support Algonquin Power Fund (America) in its proposal to the Department of Energy's Grid Deployment Office. We have worked with Algonquin in the past and commit to continued engagement.

If awarded, this project will install SmartValve technology on the 138kV Commonwealth Edison transmission line. This will enable the interconnection of Algonquin's 105 MW Shady Oaks 2 wind facility, located in the Village of Paw Paw in Lee County, IL. The county looks forward to the project becoming operational and realizing the many benefits to Lee County residents.

We look forward to participating in regular meetings with Algonquin and SmartWires as part of this grant to learn even more about the benefits and opportunities for Lee County residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy Ryerson  
County Administrator

*Patriotism - Pride - Progress*  
**Village of Paw Paw**

P.O. Box 426 • 362 Chicago Road  
Paw Paw, Illinois 61353-0426

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March 15, 2023

To: Department of Energy (DOE), Grid Deployment Office (GDO)

**Re: Letter of Commitment for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) DE-FOA-0002740**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express our commitment to the already developed Community Benefits Agreement between the Village of Paw Paw, IL, and Algonquin Power Fund's Shady Oaks II wind farm project. The signed agreement was put into place on March 5, 2020. The village looks forward to the project becoming operational as a part of this exciting grant project and receiving the benefits that were negotiated as part of the agreement.

We understand that if awarded, this project will install SmartValve technology on the 138kV Commonwealth Edison transmission line. This will enable the interconnection of Algonquin's 105 MW Shady Oaks 2 wind facility, located in the Village of Paw Paw in Lee County, IL.

We commit to participate in regular meetings with Algonquin to learn more about – and provide input on - the installation of the SmartValve technology and operation of the Shady Oaks 2 facility.

It will be valuable for the village and its citizen to further understand energy savings, increased reliability of the grid, reduction in area pollution and future opportunities for renewable development due to this project.

Sincerely,



Michael Torman,  
Village President, Board of Trustees



## **PAW PAW COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

*Serving Portions of Lee & DeKalb Counties*

**244 Elizabeth St., PO Box 81 • Paw Paw, IL 61353-0081**

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13 March, 2023

To: Department of Energy (DOE), Grid Deployment Office (GDO)

Re: Letter of Commitment for Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) DE-FOA-0002740

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express our commitment to the Algonquin Power Shady Oaks II wind farm. The Paw Paw Fire Protection district looks forward to the facility becoming operational and hope that the grant requested will be approved and funding received to proceed.

We understand that if awarded, this project will install SmartValve technology on the 138kV Commonwealth Edison transmission line. This will enable the interconnection of Algonquin's already complete 108 MW Shady Oaks 2 wind facility, located within our Fire Protection District in Lee County, IL, to the power grid.

We look forward to meeting with Algonquin to learn more about, and provide input on, the installation of the SmartValve technology as a part of the operation of the Shady Oaks II wind farm.

It is important to the citizens of our district to see the wind farm become operational and receive the benefits of clean energy being provided through a more reliable grid. In addition we look forward to the tax revenue that operation of this wind farm will provide the Paw Paw Fire Protection district.

Sincerely,

John N. Prentice, Board President  
Paw Paw Community Fire Protection District  
Paw Paw, IL 61353

**WYOMING TOWNSHIP**

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*Jeffrey R. Politsch • Township Supervisor • Home: (815) 627-9071*

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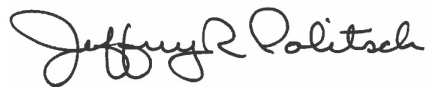
I am writing to express our commitment to the Algonquin Power Shady Oaks II wind farm. Wyoming Township looks forward to the facility becoming operational and hope that the grant requested will be approved and funding received to proceed.

We understand that if awarded, this project will install SmartValve technology on the 138kV Commonwealth Edison transmission line. This will enable the interconnection of Algonquin's already complete 108 MW Shady Oaks 2 wind facility, located within our Township in Lee County, IL, to the power grid.

We look forward to meeting with Algonquin to learn more about, and provide input on, the installation of the SmartValve technology as a part of the operation of the Shady Oaks II wind farm.

It is important to the citizens of our township to see the wind farm become operational and receive the benefits of clean energy being provided through a more reliable grid. In addition we look forward to the tax revenue that operation of this wind farm will provide the Wyoming Township.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey R. Politsch, Supervisor  
Wyoming Township  
Paw Paw, IL 61353