Cost-Benefit Analysis for Orbit Bloom Energy, LLC

Prepared by Town of Brookhaven using InformAnalytics

Executive Summary



Proposed Investment

Orbit Bloom Energy, LLC proposes to invest \$32.8 million at 3601 Horseblock Rad Medford, NY 11763 over 20 years. Town of Brookhaven staff summarize the proposed with the following: UPDATED May 2020 The applicant proposes sale of the equity interest to DG Fuel Cell, LLC, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC. This investor will also enter into a long term Operations and Maintenance agreement with Bloom Energy Corporation, which is the parent company of Orbit Bloom Energy LLC.

Propose construction of a 5,000 sq ft fuel cell that will create 6MW of energy and be located on a 1.5 acre vacant lot on Horseblock Rd in Medford. Orbit Bloom Energy, LLC has a power purchase agreement with PSEG. We expect that this project will be completed in a timely fashion. As per our Uniform Project Evaluation Criteria Policy, the criteria met for this project include, but are not limited to, advances renewable energy production goals and capital investment by the applicant.

T1 TABLE 1

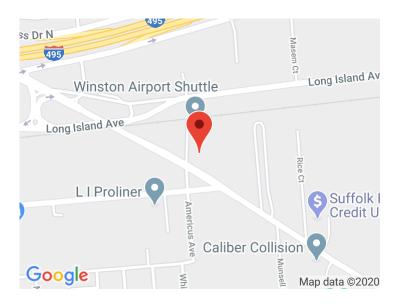
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Proposed Investments

Description	Amount
CONSTRUCTION SPENDING	
6MW Fuel Cell	\$6,500,000
OTHER SPENDING	
machinery and equipment	\$26,260,000
Total Investments	\$32,760,000
Discounted Total (2%)	\$32,760,000

May not sum to total due to rounding.

Location of Investment



Cost-Benefit Analysis

A cost-benefit analysis of this proposed investment was conducted using InformAnalytics, an economic impact model developed by CGR. The report estimates the impact that a potential project will have on the local economy based on information provided by Town of Brookhaven. The report calculates the costs and benefits for specified local taxing districts over the first 20 years, with future returns discounted at a 2% rate.

T2 TABLE 2

Estimated Costs or Incentives

Town of Brookhaven is considering the following incentive package for Orbit Bloom Energy, LLC.

Description	Nominal Value	Discounted Value*
Property Tax Exemption	\$1,180,000	\$1,024,000
Sales Tax Exemption	\$2,489,000	\$2,489,000
Total Costs	\$3,669,000	\$3,513,000

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* Discounted at 2%



State & Regional Impact (Life of Project)

The following table estimates the total benefits from the project over its lifetime.

Description	Direct	Spillover	Total
REGIONAL BENEFITS	\$7,978,000	\$1,493,000	\$9,471,000
To Private Individuals	\$3,910,000	\$1,473,000	\$5,383,000
Temporary Payroll	\$2,692,000	\$755,000	\$3,447,000
Ongoing Payroll	\$1,218,000	\$718,000	\$1,936,000
To the Public	\$4,068,000	\$20,000	\$4,088,000
Property Tax Revenue	\$4,016,000	N/A	\$4,016,000
Temporary Sales Tax Revenue	\$36,000	\$10,000	\$46,000
Ongoing Sales Tax Revenue	\$16,000	\$10,000	\$26,000
STATE BENEFITS	\$246,000	\$92,000	\$338,000
To the Public	\$246,000	\$92,000	\$338,000
Temporary Income Tax Revenue	\$139,000	\$39,000	\$177,000
Ongoing Income Tax Revenue	\$63,000	\$36,000	\$99,000
Temporary Sales Tax Revenue	\$31,000	\$9,000	\$40,000
Ongoing Sales Tax Revenue	\$14,000	\$8,000	\$22,000
Total Benefits to State & Region	\$8,224,000	\$1,585,000	\$9,809,000
Discounted Total Benefits (2%)	\$8,007,000	\$1,457,000	\$9,464,000

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Benefit to Cost Ratio

The following benefit to cost ratios were calculated using the discounted totals.

Description	Benefit*	Cost*	Ratio
Region	\$9,145,000	\$2,359,000	4:1
State	\$318,000	\$1,154,000	0:1
Grand Total	\$9,464,000	\$3,513,000	3:1

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* Discounted at 2%

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