

**ASTORIA REPOWERING PROJECT**  
**PROGRESS REPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES**  
**JULY 2010**

Astoria Gas Turbine Power LLC (“AGTP”), a subsidiary of NRG Energy Inc., is seeking to repower in two phases its existing electric generating station located in Astoria, Queens County, New York (“Astoria Repowering Project” or “Project”). The Project will entirely replace the current 600 megawatt (“MW”) facility composed of thirty-one 40-year old simple cycle peaking units with four (4) cleaner, more efficient, state-of-the-art 260 MW rapid response combined cycle units for a total of 1,040 MW, with no significant net air emission increases (most air pollutant emissions will decrease substantially).

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (“DEIS”) was submitted in February 2010 (revised draft from February 2009) to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) to support the environmental permitting process for the proposed Project. A Notice of Complete Application and Legislative Hearing (including notice of the availability of the DEIS and draft permits) was published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on April 21, 2010. Notice was also placed in the *New York Daily News* and the *New York Post* (Queens editions) on April 23, 2010. Two public hearings were held on May 20, 2010, to accept comments on the Project. The 60-day public comment period was closed on June 21, 2010.

In accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 621.9(e), NYSDEC prepared a Responsiveness Summary, a copy of which is attached, to discuss and respond to relevant comments on the DEIS or the draft permits received at the public hearings and during the comment period.

In accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 201-6.4, on July 29, 2010, NYSDEC also submitted the draft permits to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) for a mandatory 45-day review period during which EPA may object to provisions in the draft permits. If there is no objection, NYSDEC may issue the permits after the 45-day period expires. In addition, any person may petition EPA within 60 days after the expiration of the 45-day review period to make such objection. Any such petition shall be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period, unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impractical to raise such objections within such period, or unless the grounds for such objections arose after such period.

In addition to the proceedings before NYSDEC, AGTP’s submitted a Petition for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Pursuant to Section 68 of the Public Service Law for Its Astoria Repowering Project, an Order Approving Financing Thereof Pursuant to Section 69 of the Public Service Law, an Order Approving a Lightened Regulatory Regime, and an Order for Expedited Proceeding (“Petition”), to the New York State Public Service Commission (“Commission”) on April 23, 2010. Copies of the filing before the Commission were sent to all stakeholders and a notice of the filing was published in the *Daily News* on April 30, 2010. The notice provided a 10-day comment period, until May 10, 2010, in which the public could comment on AGTP’s Motion for Expedited Hearing (part of the Petition). An expedited hearing in this context means that the Commission may decide whether or not to approve the Petition without oral testimony. No comments were received by the Commission.

All public documents relating to the Astoria Repowering Project are available at the following document repositories and on the Project and DEC websites:

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36-01 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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Queens Public Library: Steinway Branch  
21-45 31st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11105  
718.728.1965

Queens Public Library: Astoria Branch  
14-01 Astoria Boulevard  
Long Island City, NY 11102  
718.278.2220

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Environmental Permits, Region 2  
47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
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**<http://www.nrgenergy.com/news-center/astoria/documents.htm>**

**<http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/54633.html>**