

# **LUYSTER CREEK ENERGY PROJECT AT THE ASTORIA GENERATING STATION**

Progress Report #1

August 5, 2010

The Astoria Generating Company, L.P. (AGC), a USPowerGen Company, is pleased to provide an update on the Luyster Creek Energy Project (LCEP) located at the Astoria Generating Facility 18-01 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, Astoria, New York 11105. This progress report provides an overview of key actions and advances achieved on the project to date.

## **Meeting with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) 10/20/2009**

On 10/20/2009 AGC made a presentation to the NYSDEC about the project. Discussions of permit requirements and the environmental review process were held.

## **Meetings with Local leaders**

AGC has contacted and met with seven community leaders and public officials to date, and will continue to consult with significant groups and stakeholders. Community organizations which wish to discuss any specific aspect of the project are encouraged to reach out to the project team via the hotline 1-888-398-USPG (1-888-398-8774).

## **Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Submitted to the NYSDEC**

On 1/26/2010 AGC submitted an EAF to the NYSDEC for the LCEP. This submittal included an enhance Public Participation Plan (PPP) that outlines the expected community interaction that the project will facilitate. This interaction includes issuing periodic progress reports, such as this one, to inform the community about progress and issues that are brought up during the development of the LCEP. On 2/19/2010 the NYSDEC issued a coordination letter to other potentially interested and involved Agencies to determine which Agency would act as the Lead Agency in the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process.

On 4/8/2010 the NYSDEC contacted AGC and informed us that there were no other Agencies requesting to act as Lead Agency.

## **Meeting with Community Board 1 representatives**

On March 3, 2010 AGC met with representatives of the Community Board. AGC presented a company overview and the project to the members of the Board and took them on a visit to the project site.

## **Meeting with NYSDEC to review project**

On 5/17/2010 AGC met with the NYSDEC to discuss details of the permit document submittals and to introduce the project team.

## **Informational Meeting**

An Informational meeting for the public is scheduled for September 13, 2010 at Riccardo's by the Bridge. There will be 2 similar sessions (2pm and 6pm). A Project overview and summary of the proposed environmental studies to be performed will be provided.

## **Scoping Meeting**

A Scoping meeting for the public is scheduled for September 20, 2010 at Riccardo's by the Bridge. There will be 2 similar sessions (2pm and 6pm). An Open House will be held for the first hour to provide an opportunity to review information and ask questions. An overview of the SEQRA Process will be presented by the DEC and a Project Overview will be provided by AGC. An opportunity for the Public to comment on the draft Scoping Document will be provided. We encourage the Public to review the document in advance of the meeting.

## **Continued Stakeholder Outreach**

AGC will publish notice of the Informational and Scoping meetings in the New York Post, The Queens edition of the Daily News and all 8 editions of the Queens Chronicle as well as hand out flyers noticing the meeting. AGC continues to meet with community leaders and public officials and will continue to consult with interested groups and stakeholders. Community organizations that wish to discuss any specific aspect of the project are encouraged to reach out to the project team via the hotline 1-888-398-USPG (1-888-398-8774), or by e-mail at [LCEP@uspowergen.com](mailto:LCEP@uspowergen.com).

## **Project Documents**

Hard copies of public documents are available, during normal business hours, at the following locations:

Queens Borough Public Library, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11432

Queens Borough Branch Library Astoria Branch, 14-01 Astoria Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101.

Community Board 1 36-01 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue Astoria. NY 11106

## **Additional Questions and Comments**

There were no additional questions received during this period.