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STATE GIVES BROCKTON CLEAN ENERGY ENVIRONMENTAL GO-AHEAD

Brockton Clean Energy received the state's blessing this week to move ahead in the permitting process, with state Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles certifying that Brockton Clean Energy has completed the state's Environmental Impact Review process.

The state's decision, outlined in an 11-page report, is the final clearing mark for the Brockton Clean Energy project to enter the permitting stage. In the certificate, Secretary Bowles determined the project "adequately and properly complies with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act," the state law requiring project proponents to study the environmental terms of a project to minimize damage to the environment. Information in the Final Environmental Impact Report will be used by other state agencies reviewing the project.

Further, Bowles said that roughly one-third of the energy resources needed for distribution by ISO- New England must come from new power generators. Brockton Clean Energy is progressing smoothly through the regulatory reviews to become one of those new generation sources.

"We're thrilled the state confirmed that this is an environmentally-sound project that would contribute to the goals of a cleaner and more efficient means of meeting growing energy demands," said Ron Kelly, project manager for Brockton Clean Energy. "We are hopeful the City of Brockton will begin discussions with us to mitigate any outstanding issues. We want to be the best neighbor possible."

The proposed project will bring an estimated \$237 million in overall economic benefits to the city and surrounding region and create roughly 300 new jobs during construction. Brockton Clean Energy officials have requested and remain eager to talk with Brockton city officials about a tax and a host agreement and other community and economic benefits it will offer the city.

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