

December 20, 2018

Wyoming Central School District Kathy Schuessler, Superintendent 1225 State Route 19 Wyoming, New York 14591

Dear Superintendent Schuessler:

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Texas Brine New York LLC hopes to begin the project in the spring of 2019. The WCIDA encourages your input on this project. Should you have any questions or wish to comment on this project, please contact the WCIDA directly by telephone at 585-786-3764.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to a successful project that will continue to have many benefits for the people of Wyoming County.

Sincerely,

John L. Marschilde Robin L. Marschilde

**Director of Operations** 

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Hon. A.D. Berwanger, Chairman Wyoming County Board of Supervisors 143 North Main Street Warsaw, New York 14569

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Hon. Daniel Leuer, Supervisor Town of Middlebury 51 Sherman Avenue Wyoming, New York 14591

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## WYOMING COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ("WCIDA") NOTICE OF DEVIATION FROM UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY PURSUANT TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §874(4)(b)

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

The drilling of new brine wells and construction and installation of infrastructure serving the wells.

LOCATION OF PROJECT:

1346 Saltvale Road, Middlebury, New York and the parcels set forth on Schedule A.

PROJECT OWNER/OPERATOR:

Texas Brine New York, LLC

DEVIATION FROM UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY:

The proposed financial assistance for the project constitutes a deviation from WCIDA's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy ("UTEP") because the proposed payment in lieu of tax arrangement deviates from WCIDA's standard schedule. While WCIDA's standard payment in lieu of tax schedule provides for payments based on the assessed value of the property, with said payments attributable to the value added by new improvements calculated based on percentages of the increase in assessment attributable to improvements, WCIDA and the Project Owner/Operator propose to enter into an Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Real Estate Taxes ("PILOT Agreement") which will provide for payment by the Project Owner/Operator of an annual Payment in Lieu of Real Estate Taxes ("PILOT") in an amount equal to the product of (a) a fixed base value, set forth on Schedule B, multiplied by (b) the affected taxing jurisdictions' annual property tax rates for the applicable tax fiscal year.

The PILOT Agreement will have a term of ten (10) years. The PILOT payment will be divided among the affected taxing jurisdictions on a <u>pro rata</u> basis, with each taxing jurisdiction's share for each year determined by dividing that taxing jurisdiction's tax rate for the then current tax fiscal year by the total of all tax rates for the affected taxing jurisdictions for the then current tax fiscal year.

**REASON FOR DEVIATION:** 

WCIDA's UTEP allows WCIDA to deviate from the UTEP's standard PILOT schedule or to provide a project with enhanced benefits if the project is expected to have a significant impact in the locality where the project will be located. WCIDA expects that the project will have a significant impact in the Town of Middlebury, New York due to the significant amount of private sector investment

that is expected to be generated by the proposed project. WCIDA's analysis of the Project Owner/Operator's existing operations demonstrates a history of private investment in the municipality by the Project Owner/Operator, which is expected to continue or steadily increase as a result of the Project Owner/Operator's ability to drill new brine wells and continue its operations under this project. The Project Owner/Operator is permitted to draw a limited amount of brine from each well it drills. When that limit is reached, the well is plugged and it is necessary to drill a new well to take its place. Each year the Project Owner/Operator provides new capital investment to construct and install infrastructure for the new wells, including, without limitation, pipelines, electrical cables, communication wires, well enclosures, driveways and other ancillary services. The Project Owner/Operator utilizes local contracting firms, through a competitive bidding process, to construct and install the infrastructure. Although the Project may not result in the creation of substantially more direct employment, it represents a significant capital investment in the municipality and its local businesses, which is expected to have a positive economic impact on the area and its residents.

## SCHEDULE A

Address	SBL#
Saltvale VL	36.00-1-28
1346 Saltvale Rd	36.00-1-29.12
Saltvale VL	49.00-1-26.12
Cowie Rd VL	49.00-1-26.2
Saltvale Rd VL	49.00-1-27
Dillion Rd VL	49.00-1-42.11
LaGrange Rd VL	49.00-1-44
Saltvale Rd VL	49.00-1-46.1
Saltvale Rd VL	49.00-1-47.1
1455 Saltvale Rd	49.00-1-47.2
Saltvale Rd VL	49.00-1-50
Saltvale Rd VL	49.00-1-51.1
1625 Saltvale Rd	49.00-1-52
Canaway Rd VL	49.00-1-55.112
Canaway Rd VL	49.00-1-55.113
Saltvale Rd VL	49.00-1-69
Canaway Rd VL	62.00-1-6.21
Brine Pipeline	638.089-9999-844.820/1
4" & 8" Distr piping	86.00-1
Gravel Roads	86.00-2
12" stl return line 50% brine	86.00-3
Elec Control Bldg	86.00-4
Wiring	86.00-5
Brine Wells	86.00-6
Water Wells	86.00-8

## SCHEDULE B

Taxable Fiscal Year	Fixed Base Value
Year 1	\$7,000,000.00
Year 2	\$7,175,000.00
Year 3	\$7,354,375.00
Year 4	\$7,538,234.30
Year 5	\$7,726,690.10
Year 6	\$7,919,857.30
Year 7	\$8,117,853.70
Year 8	\$8,320,800.00
Year 9	\$8,528,820.00
Year 10	\$8 742 040 50