

Yankee Rowe Expression of Interest Process Frequently Asked Questions

What is an Expression of Interest Process?

An Expression of Interest (EOI) Process is how Yankee Atomic Electric Company (Yankee Atomic) will identify parties who may be interested in the future acquisition and/or ownership of their properties located in Rowe and Monroe, Massachusetts.

This is a multi-phase process whereby Yankee Atomic will identify experienced, financially sound, and capable organizations interested in obtaining some or all of the property. This EOI is a preliminary process designed to gather information that will contribute to a final decision on land disposition. This is not a request for bid process or solicitation to sell the property.

Why is Yankee Atomic Implementing this EOI Process?

As an investor-owned corporation, under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) oversight, Yankee Atomic has a responsibility to both its shareholders and its rate payers to act in a prudent manner. Yankee Atomic has chosen to use this EOI process in order to gather information and identify preliminary interest in the property.

Why must Yankee Atomic's Shareholders be considered in land disposition?

Yankee Atomic is owned by the New England utilities who received the power from the plant while it was operating. The owners purchased the land for the power plant in the 1960's. Under rate plans approved through the FERC process, the owners are allowed to recoup their investment if the property is sold.

Why must the land disposition decisions be in the best interest of rate payers?

As a public utility, the rate payers were assessed Yankee Atomic's cost for building, operating and decommissioning the plant. Conversely, their interest must also be considered in land disposition.

What are Yankee Atomic's Priorities in Dispositioning the Property?

The Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Rowe has been fully decommissioned and the site remediated in accordance with federal and state regulations. An Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) associated with the former operation of the power plant is located on the property. It is the Company's intent that this portion of the property remain under the control and security of Yankee Atomic until the U.S. Government meets its obligation to remove the material.

Based upon this and other characteristics of the property, land use disposition must consider the following:

- First and foremost, Yankee Atomic has an obligation to maintain the security of the ISFSI in accordance with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license requirements. Land uses that are incompatible with NRC license requirements and ongoing management will not be considered.
- In addition, the property contains several legal easements and right-of-ways that must be maintained by future owners.
- Site Closure approval by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) includes ongoing monitoring and maintenance activities that must be carried out for an extended period of time. Disposition of the land must consider these obligations.
- As previously stated, Yankee Atomic has an obligation to its shareholders and ratepayers.

Will a single buyer be chosen through this process?

Not necessarily. This is a preliminary process intended to help Yankee Atomic determine its options for land disposition. This process does not request bids. Based upon the size of the property, approximately 1,735 acres in Rowe and approximately 93 additional acres in Monroe, it is possible that multiple parties may be interested in smaller portions of the property.

What is the Role of the Towns of Rowe and Monroe in Land Disposition?

Yankee Atomic has consistently facilitated open communication and public involvement with its neighbors and the leadership in Rowe and Monroe through the Yankee Community Advisory Board (CAB) and other venues. Yankee Atomic will continue to communicate with the public during this EOI process and to consider public interests in its decision-making process.

What is the Expression of Interest Schedule?

The EOI process will begin in January, 2009. The EOI is a multi-phase process that provides interested parties and Yankee Atomic the opportunity share information. In order to encourage participation by all interested groups, this process will be confidential.

Organizations expressing an interest will receive a packet of information and have an opportunity to tour the property. Respondents will be asked to demonstrate their financial viability and qualifications, identify intended land uses, and demonstrate their ability to finance the long-term ownership and maintenance of the property.

After the Expressions of Interest are received, Yankee Atomic will consider the information obtained through this process and determine its next steps. No timeframe has been determined for making a final land disposition decision.

Where can I get more information about this?

Information about the EOI process is available on the Future Use page of the Yankee Rowe website. Visit: www.yankeerowe.com/future_use