

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC
GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 16-F-0267 - Application of Atlantic Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of the Deer River Wind Energy Project in Lewis and Jefferson Counties.

NOTICE EXTENDING DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS AND RESPONSE

(Issued June 2, 2017)

By letter dated June 1, 2017, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) requested an extension of the deadline to file comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) filed by Atlantic Wind, LLC (Atlantic Wind) for the proposed Deer River Wind Farm (Project). Comments on the PSS are currently due June 5, 2017.

The letter stated that the DEC has made diligent efforts to comply with the current deadline, however, due to the recent flooding from elevated water levels in Lake Ontario, DEC staff that are essential to the environmental review of the proposed project are unavailable due to these exigent circumstances. The letter further explained that staff involved in the emergency response efforts around Lake Ontario include many of the same staff that will be involved in assessing wetland, habitat, and other potential environmental impacts and issues associated with the proposed Project.

By letter dated June 1, 2017, Atlantic Wind stated that it does not object to the extension requested by the DEC under the circumstances. In addition, Atlantic Wind requested an extension of the deadline for it to respond to comments filed on the PSS. The current deadline is 21 days after the closing of the comment period. Atlantic Wind requests that, if the extension requested by the DEC is granted, that the deadline for

response be extended until July 10 because of the July 4 holiday.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, based upon the information provided, an extension is granted to 4:30 P.M. on June 15, 2017 for any comments to be submitted on the Preliminary Scoping Statement filed by Atlantic Wind in the above proceeding. Given that the 21 day period to summarize and respond to all comments would end on July 6, 2017, an extension is granted for Atlantic Wind to 4:30 P.M. on July 7, 2017. These extensions are granted in order to promote the fair, orderly and efficient conduct of this proceeding.

(SIGNED)

KATHLEEN H. BURGESS
Secretary