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Re: 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 a Wind Energy Project in Lewis and Jefferson Counties.

Dear Ms. Bomyea:

A review by DPS Staff of your recent submittal of Deer River Wind Farm's Final PIP Plan found additional deficiencies and/or recommendations that were not responded to in your Final PIP Plan. The attachment to this letter provides our comments on the recent submittal of your Final PIP. Please provide a response with the additional information requested.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the attached DPS staff recommendations, please contact me at (518) 474-4535 or by email at Kathleen.burgess@dps.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary to the Commission

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Section 2.0 – Project Description

2.2 Project Summary

1. The revised Deer River Wind project area directly involves designated resources and public lands that were not included in the original PIP Plan. DPS staff recommends additional consultations and outreach efforts to engage stakeholders not identified in the original PIP Plan.

2.3 Study Area

1. The revised project area includes areas of Lewis County Forest Lands, including the Pinckney Cronk Road Forest. DPS staff recommends that the Lewis County Recreation, Forestry and Parks Department be added to the Stakeholders List. The County has designated many local roads as ATV trails, also. The County Trails coordinator should be consulted for interest in project planning.

2. The revised project area also includes several tributaries of Sandy Creek, a designated National Rivers Inventory (NRI) waterway with potential for listing as a National Wild and Scenic River. The NRI program is administered by the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservations Assistance bureau, and should be added to the Potential Stakeholders list.

3. The revised project area now includes areas abutting and including highways under the jurisdiction of the Jefferson County Highway Department. DPS staff recommends the Jefferson County Highway Department be added as a stakeholder.

Section 5.0 – Proposed Public Involvement

1. DPS Staff recommends a local repository within the Town of Pinckney be established. It should also be included in the Stakeholder list because it is a project related document repository.

Section 5.3.1 – Public Meetings

1. DPS staff recommends the PIP Plan be updated with the date, time and location of the September open house.

Section 5.4 – Website

1. DPS staff recommends adding a link to the website indicating the process to for being added to the Service/ Party list.

Exhibit A: Master List of Stakeholders and Notification List

1. DPS staff recommends that the contact person for the NYS Department of Public Service be changed to Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary to the Commission in its PIP Plan.
2. DPS staff recommends that contact persons be established for the following Local Agencies: Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District, Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, and the Southern Jefferson Chamber of Commerce.