## 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 OF FILING OF A PRELIMINARY SCOPING STATEMENT AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

(Issued May 19, 2017)

Wind LLC (Atlantic Wind), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, LLC, filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement in connection with its proposal to construct the Deer River Wind Farm, a major wind energy generating facility, consisting of up to 40 wind turbines, together with the associated overhead and below grade electric collection lines, access roads, meteorological towers, an operation and maintenance building, and a collection substation (the Deer River Wind Energy Project). The Deer River Wind Energy Project would have a maximum generating capacity of 100 megawatts (MWs) and would be located on leased private land and easements located in the Towns of Pinckney, Harrisburg, and Montague, in Lewis County, New York, and the Town of Rodman, in Jefferson County, New York.

To deliver power to the New York State power grid, Atlantic Wind proposes to construct a collection substation adjacent to an existing interconnection switching station, which will interconnect with National Grid's 115 kV transmission line in the Town of Rodman.

Before any entity can construct a major generating facility such as this one, it must first obtain approval from the New York State Board on Electric Generating Siting and the

Environment (the Siting Board), pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law. Prior to filing an application for such authority, an entity must first file a Preliminary Scoping Statement with the Siting Board, which initiates a preliminary scoping phase of the proceeding. The preliminary scoping phase will determine the nature and scope of the studies Atlantic Wind must undertake to develop the information that must be included in its formal application. In general, such studies will identify and evaluate the potential impacts of a project on the environment, public health, and other public interest factors. State agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to engage in discussions with the project developer during this phase to reach agreements, called stipulations, regarding the details of these studies. Additional information about the Article 10 siting process and the preliminary scoping phase is available at the Siting Board's website,

http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard.

Any person, agency or municipality may submit comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement by filing them with the Siting Board and serving them on Atlantic Wind, as described below. Under the Siting Board's regulations, comments must be filed within 21 days after the filing of the PSS. 16 NYCRR 1000.5(g). Therefore, all comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement must be received by no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 5, 2017.

Atlantic Wind is required to file with the Siting Board a summary of and reply to all comments timely filed on the Preliminary Scoping Statement within 21 days of the close of the comment period. 16 NYCRR 1000.5(g). Atlantic Wind's summary of and reply to comments must be filed by 4:30 p.m. on June 26, 2017.

Comments may be filed electronically by visiting the Department of Public Service website at <a href="www.dps.ny.gov">www.dps.ny.gov</a>. Use the "Search by Case Number" function by entering Case 16-F-0267. Click on the "Post Comments" button in the upper part of the screen. Fill in the form to post your comments. The comment must also be copied and served as indicated below.

Alternatively, comments may be filed via e-mail to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments must refer to "Case 16-F-0267 - Atlantic Wind - Deer River Project."

All comments must be served on Atlantic's designated representative, Jenny L. Briot, Two Radnor Corp. Center, Suite 200, 100 Mastsonford Road, Radnor, PA 19087; E-mail:

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS Secretary