

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 PRE-APPLICATION PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE
TO CONSIDER PRE-APPLICATION INTERVENOR FUNDING REQUESTS
AND TO INITIATE THE STIPULATIONS PROCESS

(Issued June 5, 2017)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of a procedural conference to be held in this proceeding, in which the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board) is considering a proposal by Atlantic Wind, LLC, (Atlantic Wind) to construct the Deer River Wind Farm, a major wind energy generating facility (the Deer River Wind Energy Project). Atlantic Wind is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, LLC. As currently proposed, the Deer River Wind Energy Project 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. Construction of the project would consist of up to 40 wind turbines, with a maximum generating capacity of 100 megawatts (MWs), together with associated overhead and below grade electric collection lines, access roads, meteorological towers, an operation and maintenance building, and a collection substation.

To deliver power to the New York State power grid, Atlantic Wind anticipates construction of 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.

Prior to filing an application for approval to construct a generating facility, an entity must first file a Preliminary Scoping Statement with the Siting Board, which initiates a preliminary scoping phase of the proceeding. Atlantic Wind filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement on May 15, 2017. The preliminary scoping phase of this proceeding 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. Funding is available for municipalities and local residents to participate in this process.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a pre-application procedural conference in this proceeding will be held before Administrative Law Judges James A. Costello of the Department of Public Service and Lisa Wilkinson of the Department of Environmental Conservation, as follows:

Date: July 12, 2017

Location: Lowville Academy & Central School District
7668 State Street, LGI Room
Lowville, NY 13667

Time: 5:00 p.m.

The conference has two primary purposes. First, the Judges will ask questions, and possibly make contemporaneous rulings, on previously filed requests for intervenor funds. Second, at the conference the Judges will explain and initiate the stipulations process. It is expected that Atlantic Wind, persons and parties that have previously submitted requests for pre-application intervenor funds, and persons or parties interested in pursuing stipulations will attend and participate in the conference.

Comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement are due by June 15, 2017, and requests for pre-application intervenor funding are due by June 22, 2017. Additional information about the intervenor funding process can be found on the Siting Board's web page, www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard. The "Notice of Filing of a Preliminary Scoping Statement and Deadline for Submitting Comments," which was issued in this case on May 19, 2017; the "Notice of Availability of Pre-Application Intervenor Funds and Schedule to Request Funds," which was issued in this case on May 19, 2017 and revised on May 23, 2017; and a "Notice Extending Deadlines for Comments and Response," which was issued in this case on June 2, 2017, also can be found on the Siting Board's web page **or** can be found on the Department of Public Service's web page, www.dps.ny.gov, by entering 16-F-0267 in the "Search by Case Number" option.

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Secretary