



April 2, 2013

Hon. Jeff Cohen
Acting Secretary to the Commission
New York State Public Service Commission
Empire State Plaza; Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Request that the PSC hears Case 03-E-1088 at the April 18th Regular Session

EDP Renewables (formerly Horizon Wind Energy) has been actively developing commercial scale wind farms in New York since 2001. Through the success of the NYSEDA solicitations, EDP Renewables North America (EDPR) has been able to build nearly 400 MWs of wind energy in New York—with total investment of over \$700 million. Through building these projects and others across the US, EDPR has spent over one billion dollars on New York landowners and vendors from our company's inception through the end of 2012.

EDPR submitted a bid in the recent NYSEDA main-tier solicitation, and we are eagerly awaiting the results to see if we are a winner. In the April 1st 2013 NYSEDA RPS Performance Report, NYSEDA notes that an announcement of the results of the main-tier solicitation "is anticipated to occur by the summer of 2013, pending a Commission decision on a December 2012 NYSEDA Petition requesting that rules of the RPS Program Main Tier be revised to limit eligibility in the program to projects located in New York State."

Wind farms are capital intensive, and to get a project ready for construction requires a significant amount of studies, engineering work, and permitting. The sooner we know if we are a winner in the solicitation will allow us to better allocate capital for the rest of the year. The federal Production Tax Credit is scheduled to expire at the end of this year, and if we are to win the solicitation and to start construction this year we need to make sure that we have all of our pre-construction work done on time.

While EDPR previously made comments on the merits of NYSEDA's petition in Case 03-E-1088, this letter is merely to ask that the PSC hear the case in your next regular session on April 18th. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Bishop".

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