

# Galloo Island Wind, LLC

## Jefferson County, New York



September 8, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam:

As an interested party, you may be aware, Galloo Island Wind, LLC ("Applicant"), proposes to construct the Galloo Island Wind Energy Facility (the Project) in the Town of Hounsfield, Jefferson County, New York. To construct the facility, the Applicant is seeking a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate") from the New York State Board on Electric Generating Siting and the Environment ("Siting Board") pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law and the Siting Board's rules (16 NYCRR Part 1000).

In accordance with the Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan for the Project, we are advising project stakeholders of our intention to file an Article 10 Application on or about September 15, 2017. The Article 10 Application describes the Project in accordance with the Article 10 Regulations. The Application is further described in the attached notice, which will be published in the local newspaper at least three days prior to the Article 10 Application being filed with the Siting Board.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice or any other aspects of the Project, please reach out to us by phone or email, as shown below, or visit our project website at [www.gallooislandwind.com](http://www.gallooislandwind.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neil Habig".

Neil Habig  
Senior Director of Project Development Apex Clean Energy

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# Galloo Island Wind Energy Facility

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### **NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**

Galloo Island Wind, LLC (Applicant), an indirect subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC, is proposing to construct a major electric generating facility under Article 10 of the New York Public Service Law (Facility). This notice announces that on or about September 15, 2017, the Applicant will file an Application pursuant to 16 NYCRR 1000.6 seeking a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) authorizing the construction and operation of the Facility under Article 10.

The Facility is a proposed 108.9 megawatt (MW) wind-powered electric generation project (of up to 30 wind turbines) to be located on Galloo Island, an uninhabited island in Lake Ontario approximately 6 miles from the mainland in the Town of Hounsfield, Jefferson County, New York. This island-based generation facility will include wind turbines, access roads, electrical collection lines, a collection substation, wind measurement towers, temporary construction staging and storage areas, docking facilities, and an operation and maintenance building that will also include staff accommodations for short-term stays on the island. Power from the Facility will be delivered to a point of interconnection substation near the Mitchell Street Substation in the City of Oswego, New York, via an approximately 30-mile long 145 kilovolt (kV) alternating current (AC) underwater electric transmission cable. Since the AC underwater cable is greater than 100 kV and exceeds 10 miles in length, this component of the project is considered a "Major Utility Transmission Facility," which will be subject to Certification under Article VII of the New York Public Service Law and reviewed in a separate, albeit related, proceeding before the Public Service Commission. Boats carrying crews and certain supplies and equipment will embark from Madison Barracks in the Village of Sackets Harbor, New York, which is referred to in the Application as the Off-site Ancillary Facility. To accommodate the additional personnel required during construction, the Applicant proposes to construct a temporary parking lot adjoining an existing parking area at the Madison Barracks location. See map below for the location of the Facility.

The Facility will result in the generation of electricity from wind, a renewable energy source, avoiding harmful emissions and the use of water resources that are typically associated with energy generation. In addition, the Facility will assist the State in meeting the goals of the State Energy Plan, which include obtaining 50% of energy generation from renewable sources by 2030 and significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Other positive impacts include diversification of energy supplies, new employment opportunities (both temporary construction employment and full-time jobs), and increased revenues to County and local municipality tax bases, payments to the local hospitality industry, and purchase of local supplies and goods.

The Facility is a zero-emission wind energy facility and so will not add to local/regional air pollution problems or global climate change. In addition, the Applicant has attempted to minimize impacts to land associated with the Facility by limiting the disturbance to forested lands and wetlands on the island to the maximum extent practicable. However, the construction and operation of the Facility may result in minor environmental impacts, including, but not limited to: impacts on terrestrial ecology, including impacts to avian and bat species; minor impacts to forested land and wetlands; and visual impacts. Other potential impacts commonly attributed to utility-scale wind energy facilities, including noise, shadow flicker, and traffic, are reduced or eliminated because of the Facility's isolated location.

The Applicant intends to submit a request for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) under Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act. The WQC is necessary to obtain a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the minor disturbance to federally regulated wetlands required to construct the Facility.

Construction of the Facility requires a coastal zone consistency concurrence under Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The application for this concurrence will be filed in September 2017.

Pursuant to the Article 10 process, the Applicant filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) on June 6, 2016 with the Siting Board. Thereafter, the public had an opportunity to submit comments on the PSS. Following the comment period,

the Applicant prepared a summary of the material comments and its reply to comments was submitted on July 21, 2016. On July 28, 2016, a pre-application conference to consider intervenor funding requests was held and the scoping stipulation process was ordered to commence. The Applicant is now ready to file an Application.

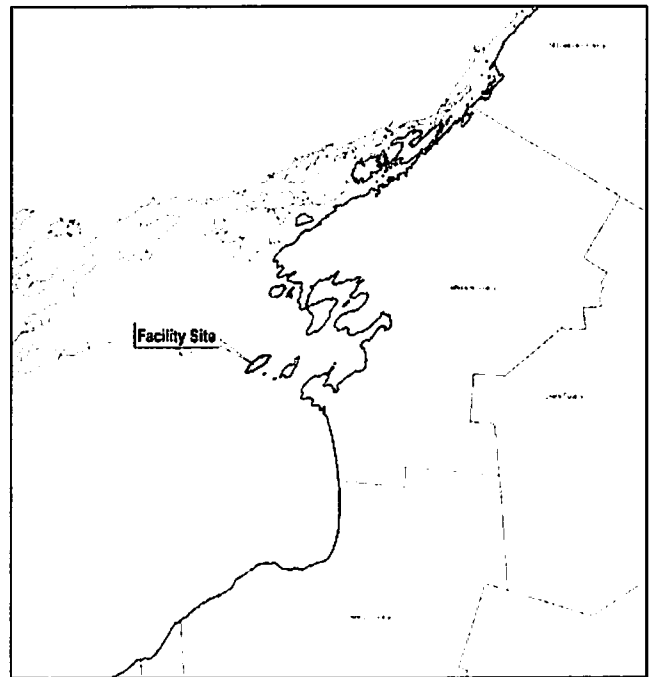
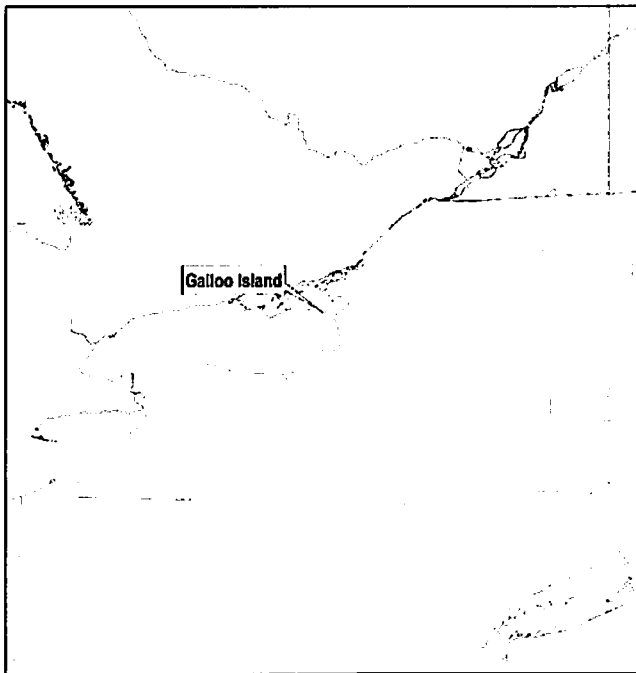
This notice is to serve as a summary regarding the contents of the Application. The Application includes, among other things: an analysis of the environmental setting of the Facility, a description of the Facility, including preliminary design drawings and related information; potential environmental and health impacts from construction and operation of the Facility, environmental, economic and other benefits of the Facility, results from studies conducted (including preconstruction studies to assess potential impacts to avian and bat species), proposed measures to minimize environmental impacts, and reasonable alternatives. The Application also addresses impacts to land use; consistency with State energy planning objectives, including climate change and renewable energy goals; public health and safety; terrestrial ecology, water resources and aquatic ecology; communications, transportation and utilities; cultural, historical and recreational resources; visual, including shadow flicker; sound; electric magnetic fields; and impacts on the statewide electrical system. The Article 10 regulations outlining the required contents of the Application can be found at 16 NYCRR 1001.1 *et seq.*

Pursuant to the Article 10 process, this notice is being provided in accordance with 16 NYCRR 1000.7, and will be published at least three (3) days prior to the filing of the Application. A copy of the Application will be served on the Chief Executive Officer of each municipality in which any portion of the Facility is located, as well as those persons and agencies enumerated in 16 NYCRR 1000.6.

Once an Application is filed and determined by the Siting Board to be complete, the Siting Board will schedule a public hearing on the Application. The Siting Board will also issue a notice of availability of application intervenor funds that are available to be used by parties to participate in formal review of the Application. A pre-hearing conference will be scheduled by the Hearing Examiner to identify intervenors, award intervenor funds, identify issues for the hearing, and establish a case schedule. Additional hearings regarding the application and project impact assessments will be scheduled by the Hearing Examiner as needed. After hearings, the stakeholders may brief their positions and the Hearing Examiner will issue a recommended decision upon which the Siting Board will base its decision. Article 10 requires that all proceedings on the Application, including a final decision by the Siting Board, must be completed within 12 months of when the Application is determined to be complete.

Upon filing of the Application, Galloo Island Wind will provide funding in the amount of \$108,900 to be disbursed by the Siting Board to municipalities and other local parties to help pay expenses, including attorneys and consultants, associated with participating in the Article 10 process during the application review phase. Fifty percent (50%) of these intervenor funds are reserved for municipalities. Following the filing of an Application, the Hearing Examiner or the Secretary shall issue a notice of availability of application intervenor funds that provides a schedule and related information describing how interested members of the public may apply for application funds. Requests for application funds must be submitted to the Hearing Examiner within thirty (30) days after the issuance of the notice of the availability of application intervenor funds. Following the submittal of any intervenor funding requests, the Hearing Examiner may schedule a pre-hearing conference to consider fund requests.

The record of this proceeding, including the Application, may be examined during normal business hours at the Offices of the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS) at 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223, and may also be viewed at the following public repositories: Hay Memorial Library, 105 South Broad Street, Sackets Harbor, NY 13685; Henderson Free Library, 8939 New York State Route 178, Henderson, NY 13650; and Oswego Public Library, 120 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oswego, NY 13126. Libraries often have free internet access.



### **Contact Information**

To obtain information regarding the Facility, please contact:

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The Application will also be available at the DPS website at (<http://www.dps.ny.gov>). To access documents, go to "Search" on the top of the webpage and search using the Case Number 15-F-0327 or the direct link: (<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=15-F-0327&cs=0&SearchBy=CaseNumber>) or by going to the project-specific website maintained by the Applicant: (<http://www.galloo-islandwind.com>).

### **File a Request for Notices**

Any interested member of the public may file a request with the DPS Secretary to receive copies of all notices concerning the Facility. Written requests should be sent to the DPS Secretary at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov) or sent by mail to the following address:

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