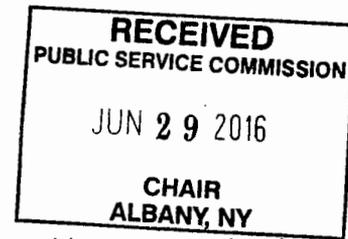


June 24, 2016
NYS Department of Public Service
Eight Point Wind Energy Center



Dear Ms. Audrey Zibelman,

This spring, my company, NextEra Energy Resources, proposed a new renewable energy project in Steuben County, New York. The project is called the Eight Point Wind Energy Center (<http://eightpointwind.com>), and it is being developed on land leased from owners of private property in southwest Steuben County. The project is seeking a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need under Article 10 of the Public Service Law of New York authorizing the construction and operation of a major generation facility and as part of that process we want to ensure that your agency is aware of our proposal.

The Eight Point Wind Energy Center will have a maximum generating capability of 103.4 megawatts. As I noted above, it will be located on land leased from private property owners in Steuben County. To put it in perspective, 103.4 megawatts is enough clean, renewable electricity to power more than 43,000 homes.

Eight Point Wind Energy Center facilities will include commercial-scale wind turbines, access roads, buried and overhead electric collection lines, a collection substation, meteorological towers, an operation and maintenance building, and electrical interconnection facilities. NextEra Energy Resources anticipates the interconnection facilities will include a 115-kV switchyard built adjacent to NYSEG's 115-kV Bennett Substation, and an overhead 115-kV interconnection line approximately nine miles long.

The project offers clear benefits for the local community, including new jobs, taxes and economic development. In addition, it will strengthen Steuben County's position as a renewable energy leader and help New York meet its renewable energy goals.

Once operational, the project is estimated to provide more than \$25 million each year in property taxes to local governments to support schools, infrastructure and vital services such as fire departments. These extra tax dollars will be added to local government budgets without adding new infrastructure (roads, sewer, water, etc.), without adding new students to the school system, and without creating the need for additional police and fire services.

Payments to landowners are estimated to be \$25 million over the 30-year expected life of the project. To the greatest extent possible, temporary construction employment will be drawn from the Steuben County and the Southern Tier labor market. Local construction employment will primarily benefit those in the construction trades, including equipment operators, truck drivers, laborers, and electricians. In addition, workers from outside the area who fill specialized job functions will add to the regional economy by staying in area hotels, eating in local restaurants and shopping in Steuben County stores.

My company, NextEra Energy Resources, has a nearly 30-year track record of safely building, operating and maintaining wind energy centers in a way that properly protects the environment and the community.

NextEra Energy Resources owns and operates 110 wind farms in the United States and Canada. We also operate two power plants in New York and we are continually looking to develop new wind and transmission projects in the state.

Our environmental team has the expertise to address concerns and develop appropriate strategies that minimize effects on wildlife. Furthermore, we use modern technology that mitigates noise issues for neighbors.

The project is in the early stages of development. To give you a better sense of where we are looking at facilities, our project website has maps (<http://eightpointwind.com/project-maps>) that include both the project area and the study area.

The project area is comprised of the locations being evaluated for placement of permanent project facilities. The project area is approximately rectangular and includes 45,516 acres of land. None of the project area is inside state forest areas.

The study area is all areas within at least five miles of the current planned location of project generating facility components, interconnections and related facilities and alternative location sites, and includes approximately 222,800 acres of land.

I also wanted to let you know that we are sponsoring two informational open house meetings on the project. If you are interested, I would encourage you to attend one of them:

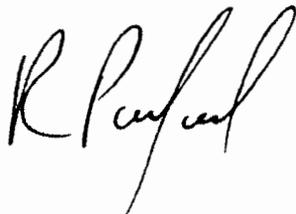
Wednesday, June 29 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Canisteo-Greenwood Elementary School
Elementary School Cafeteria
120 Greenwood Street
Canisteo, NY 14823

Thursday, June 30, 2016 | 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Greenwood Fire Department
1574 Andover Road
Greenwood, NY14839

Our website contains additional information on the project, including additional project details, public involvement opportunities and a chance to join the project mailing list. I would encourage you to check it out at www.EightPointWind.com.

Thank you so much for allowing me to provide you with an update on this project. If you have any questions or comments, I'd love to hear them. You can contact our team directly via email at info@eightpointwind.com or call us at (607) 301-3994.

Sincerely,



Ryan Pumford
Project Developer