

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC  
GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 15-F-0122 - Application of Baron Winds LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 to Construct a Wind Energy Facility.

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

(Issued September 2, 2016)

Baron Winds LLC, a subsidiary of Everpower Wind Holdings, Inc. (Baron), intends to file an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN), pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law, for construction of a major electric generating facility in the Towns of Avoca, Cohocton, Dansville, Fremont, Howard, and Wayland, in Steuben County. Construction would consist of up to 120 wind turbines, together with the associated collection lines (below grade and overhead), access roads, meteorological towers, and an operation and maintenance building. To deliver power to the New York State power grid, Baron proposes to construct a collection substation adjacent to an existing interconnection substation, which will interconnect with the New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) 230 kV transmission line in the Town of Cohocton. Collectively, all of these elements are referred to as "the Project."

Baron states that the Project is proposed to be located on leased private land that is generally rural in nature. The actual footprint of the proposed facilities, Baron asserts, is not determined at this point in the process, but will be located within the leased land, and will enable farmers and landowners to continue with farming operations or other land uses such as forestry practices and recreational land use.

On August 10, 2016, Baron filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS). The preliminary scoping phase of this proceeding will determine the nature and scope of the studies Baron must undertake to develop the information that must be included in Baron's formal application for a CECPN. In general, such studies will identify and evaluate the potential impacts of the Project on the environment, public health, and other public interest factors.

**TAKE NOTICE** that a pre-application procedural conference in this proceeding will be held before Administrative Law Judges Kevin Casutto, of the Department of Public Service, and Maria E. Villa, of the Department of Environmental Conservation, as follows:

**PRE-APPLICATION PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE:**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 5, 2016

**Location:** Hornell City Hall  
Courtroom  
82 Main Street  
Hornell, NY 14843

**Time:** 10:00 a.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 Baron, 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 PSS were due by August 31, 2016, and requests for pre-application intervenor funding are due on

September 14, 2016. Additional information about the intervenor funding process can be found on the Siting Board's web page, [www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard](http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard). The "Notice of Availability of Pre-Application Intervenor Funds and Deadline for Submitting Funding Requests" and the "Notice of Filing of a Preliminary Scoping Statement and Deadline for Submitting Comments," each of which were issued on August 15, 2016 in this case, can be found on the Department of Public Service's web page, [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), by entering 15-F-0122 in the "Search by Case Number" option.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS  
Secretary