

June 3, 2016

Ms. Audrey Zibelman, Chair
NYS Department of Public Service
Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223



Dear Ms. Zibelman,

We are pleased to announce that we are getting close to submitting our Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) to the New York State Board on Electric Generation, Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) for the Baron Winds Project (Project) as part of the Article 10 permitting process, and plan to submit the PSS in late June. The PSS will build on the Public Involvement Program (PIP) that we have been implementing and provides additional details and information on the Project. The PSS precedes the Article 10 Application, and will provide a preliminary scope and methodology, essentially an outline, of the studies that will be conducted to analyze the potential environmental, health and other potential impacts with construction and operation of the Project. The detailed results of these studies will be provided at a later date in the Article 10 Application. The PSS will also discuss benefits of the Project, proposed measures to avoid and minimize environmental impacts, and other relevant information.

One purpose of the PSS is to allow the public and stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the scope and methods of the studies proposed. We invite any and all comments to the PSS and encourage your participation in the process. Comments to the PSS must be submitted within 21 days of the filing of the PSS. Comments are to be filed with the Secretary of the Siting Board and by serving such comments on the Applicant. Within 21 days of the closing of the comment period, we will prepare and file a summary of all material comments and our responses. Additional notice will be published in the newspaper in advance of the PSS filing that will provide the date on or about which the PSS will be filed.

The PSS will be submitted with an intervenor fee. Following filing of the PSS, the presiding examiner shall issue a notice of availability of the intervenor fee and requests for these funds must be made within 30 days of that notice being issued. Between 45 and 60 days after the filing of the PSS, the presiding examiner will schedule a pre-application meeting to consider and potentially award the intervenor funds.

Prior to submitting our Article 10 Application, we will hold another open house to give stakeholders and the public a chance to come learn and ask questions about the Project. We will announce details of the open house once the date and venue are selected.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Sheen", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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