

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC
GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 16-F-0328 - Application of Number Three Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 to Construct a Wind Project Located in Lewis County.

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

(Issued November 18, 2016)

Number Three Wind, LLC (Number Three Wind), an affiliate of Invenergy Wind North America LLC, intends to file an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law, for construction of a major electric generating facility (an Article 10 Certificate). Number Three Wind plans to construct a wind energy facility in the Towns of Lowville and Harrisburg, in Lewis County. Construction of the project would consist of from 35 to 50 wind turbines with a maximum generating capacity of 105.8 megawatts (MWs), together with access roads, an electrical collection system, meteorological towers, an operation and maintenance building, and electrical interconnection facilities (the Project). The interconnection facilities would include a project substation, a 115-kV switchyard built adjacent to National Grid's Lowville-Bremen 115-kV transmission line, and an overhead 115-kV interconnection line approximately 4 miles long connecting the substation to the switchyard. Number Three Wind anticipates that this transmission line will not be subject to siting review of the Public Service Commission for major electric transmission facilities, because it will be less than 10-mile regulatory threshold.

On November 9, 2016, Number Three Wind filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) in connection with its proposal and, on November 10, 2016, filed a revised PSS. The preliminary scoping phase of this proceeding will determine the nature and scope of the studies Number Three must undertake to develop the information that must be included in its formal application for an Article 10 Certificate. In general, such studies will identify and evaluate the potential impacts of a project on the environment, public health, and other public interest factors.

TAKE NOTICE that a pre-application conference in this proceeding will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017, before Administrative Law Judge Kevin Casutto, of the Department of Public Service, and Administrative Law Judge Molly McBride, of the Department of Environmental Conservation. The conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowville Town Hall, Meeting Room, 5533 Bostwick Street, Lowville, New York 13367. The conference has two primary purposes. First, it will enable the Judges to ask questions, and to possibly make contemporaneous rulings, on previously-filed requests for intervenor funds. Second, during the conference, the Judges will explain and possibly initiate the stipulations process.

It is expected that Number Three Wind, 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 are due by December 1, 2016, and requests for pre-application intervenor funding are due by December 19, 2016.

Additional information about both the intervenor funding process and the stipulations process can be found on the Siting Board's web page, www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard. To access

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To access documents filed in this case, follow the "Projects Under Review" link on the left side of the page, then click the "Preliminary Scoping Statement Submittals" link in the center area of the page, then follow the date link for this case, Number Three Wind, Case 16-F-0328. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

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Secretary