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RE: DMM Matter No. 23-02976 – Application of Hoffman Falls Wind LLC for a Major Renewable Energy Facility Siting Permit Pursuant to Article VIII of the New York State Public Service Law to Develop, Design, Construct, Operate, Maintain, and Decommission a 100 Megawatt (MW) Wind Facility located in the Towns of Fenner, Nelson, Eaton, and Smithfield, Madison County, New York.

Hoffman Falls Wind – Permit Modification Request No. 1 Determination

Dear Jessica Klami:

Pursuant to Article VIII and its implementing regulations (Title 16 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York [16 NYCRR] Part 1100)<sup>1</sup>, the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission (Office or ORES) issued the above-captioned Major Renewable Energy Facility Siting Permit (Permit) to Hoffman Falls Wind LLC (Permittee or Hoffman Falls Wind) for a 100 MW Wind facility (Facility) on December 22, 2025.

Subject to the terms, conditions, and requirements in the Permit, the Permittee is authorized to develop, design, construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a wind facility with a nameplate generating capacity of up to 100 MW in the Towns of Fenner, Nelson, Eaton, and Smithfield, Madison County, New York.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective April 20, 2024, the Renewable Action through Project Interconnection and Deployment (RAPID) Act (L 2024, ch 58, part O) repealed Executive Law § 94-c, repealed the current Public Service Law article VIII, and enacted a new Public Service Law article VIII entitled “Siting of Renewable Energy and Electric Transmission” (Article VIII) (see RAPID Act §§ 2, 11). All applications pending before ORES on the effective date of the Act are considered and treated as applications filed pursuant to the RAPID Act as of the date of application filing (see id. § 4). Accordingly, the caption and this letter now reflect these changes.

With respect to ORES’s regulations at 19 NYCRR part 900, the RAPID Act transferred part 900 to 16 NYCRR chapter XI, and continued Part 900 in full force and effect subject to conforming changes, such as the substitution of numbering, names, titles, citations, and other non-substantive changes to be filed with the Secretary of State (see RAPID Act § 7). The conforming changes were filed with the Secretary of State and became effective July 17, 2024. Accordingly, this letter uses the numbering of the new 16 NYCRR part 1100 (Part 1100) rather than the numbering of former Part 900.

On January 30, 2026, the Permittee sought to modify the Permit pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1100-11.1 (See, Exhibit A Layout and Design Summary and Impact Analysis, DMM Item 208) (Modification Request 1 or the Proposed Modification). According to the Permittee's request, the modification is necessary to avoid and minimize impacts to wetlands and streams, account for landowner requirements, and reflect the proposed use of the General Electric GE158 6.1 MW turbine. The proposed modifications include: the elimination of six wind turbines (T-1, T-2, T-11, T-15, T-17, and T-24) and the redesign of infrastructure associated with these wind turbines, and changes to the layout and design of supporting infrastructure, including access roads, temporary turn improvements, collection lines, stormwater practices, the collection substation, and point of interconnection (POI) switchyard. As a result of the selection of the GE158 turbine and associated modifications, the nameplate capacity of the Facility is proposed to increase from 100 MW to 109.8 MW.

The Permittee asserts that these proposed modifications to the layout and design of the Facility will not result in any material increase in any identified adverse environmental impact or any significant adverse environmental impact not addressed by uniform or site-specific standards or conditions or otherwise involve a substantial change to the existing permit standards or conditions.

The Proposed Modification eliminates six wind turbines and results in an overall decrease in impacts to land use and an increase in the Facility's overall socioeconomic benefits. The turbine model and locations, and other limits of disturbance associated with the project, were thoroughly evaluated during the Office's application review process. The elimination of six turbines in the Proposed Modification will also reduce impacts to noise and vibration, visual impacts, and other resource impacts. The Modification also proposes changes to access road locations, which avoids and minimizes impacts to wetlands and streams, substantively reducing impacts to these sensitive resources. Due to the Facility Redesign, the Office will need to issue a Revise Occupied Habitat and Take Determination for Threatened and Endangered Species located at the Facility Site. However, this will not substantively change any existing permit standard or condition, and the Permittee is required to submit a final Net Conservation Benefit Plan (NCBP) demonstrating an overall benefit to any such impacted species to the Office for approval.

The Office has reviewed the Permittee's request and concludes that the proposed modifications would not result in any material increase in any identified adverse environmental impact, or any significant adverse environmental impact not previously addressed by uniform or site-specific conditions, or otherwise involve a substantial change to an existing permit standard or condition.

Accordingly, the Permittee's request constitutes a minor modification pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1100-1.2(ai). The Permittee may proceed with implementing its Facility design as described in Modification Request 1. The Office will continue its review of any compliance filings currently before it and issue comments or approvals as necessary in accordance with 16 NYCRR § 1100-10.1. This letter constitutes the Office's notice of the determination pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1100-11.1(b).

The approval of this permit modification does not relieve the Permittee of the obligation to comply with the standards, conditions, and requirements set forth in the Permit. The Permittee is still required to comply with all applicable provisions of the uniform standards and conditions (subpart 4 of the Permit), site specific conditions (subpart 5 of the Permit), and applicable pre-construction and post-construction compliance filings (subpart 6 of the Permit). The Permittee must adhere to the changes as described in Modification Request 1 in its final design implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alon Dominitz', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

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