

May 2, 2022

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary of the Public Service Commission
NYS Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment Agency
Building 3, Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

Re: Case No. 22-E-0204: Comment regarding Heritage Wind, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Pursuant to Public Service Law Section 68 and for an Order Granting Lightened Regulation

Dear Secretary Phillips,

Although there is a road use agreement signed by the Town of Barre, the routes to be used by construction vehicles to Barre should be reviewed in a public hearing. If the vehicles will be using Route 98, near I-90, there is notable continuous truck and vehicle traffic in the area of Batavia. If they plan to use Route 77, will the movement of equipment and components pass the new Western New York Veterans Cemetery, where two people have already lost their lives trying to negotiate their way onto Route 77? Will the equipment go through the Iroquois Wildlife Refuge and disturb the very nature of a refuge?

This project is planned in a rural, agricultural area. All local roads in the area are single lane. The project will have an impact on anyone traveling or using farm equipment. Heritage Wind's Route Evaluation Study, dated January 2020, includes Table 3, Construction Vehicle Volumes. Total volume in cubic yards of gravel is 46,068. Total number of gravel trucks is 4607. The gravel is for access roads to the turbines within the project site. Total volume of concrete mix in cubic yards is 42,240, with the number of trucks given as 4224. This is a huge disruption for any locale where the trucks will travel. The documents, however, refer specifically to the study area (Exhibit 25-1). The route is not given in the later amendment but is described as below Interstate 90 in the earlier document. The version updated in June 2020 (Exhibit 25-A) by Fisher Associates says moving turbine components requires specialized OS/OW haulers that require special consideration during project planning. Final routes to the Study Area will depend on the turbine transporter and the source of the shipments.

Routes and disruption to local residents, businesses and the wildlife refuge should be clarified. A timetable should be made available to all who live or travel through the area. I am a resident of Orleans County and travel through the area on a regular basis.

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