

Appendix B
PSS Notice

Eight Point Wind Energy Center

Eight Point Wind, LLC.**Steuben County, New York****NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY SCOPING STATEMENT**

Eight Point Wind, LLC (the Applicant), a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NextEra), plans to submit an Application to construct a major electric generating facility, the Eight Point Wind Energy Center (or the "Project"), under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (PSL). This notice announces that on or about October 4, 2016 the Applicant will file a Public Scoping Statement (PSS), pursuant to 16 NYCRR 1000.5, which is designed to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the scope and methodology of studies to be conducted in support of the Article 10 Application which will be filed at a later date. The filing of the PSS will start a 21-day public comment period.

The proposed Project is an up to 102 MW wind powered electric generating facility comprised of wind turbines and related components located on leased property located in the Towns of Greenwood, Troupsburg and West Union in Steuben County, New York. The Project components are proposed to include the installation and operation of up to 32 wind turbines, associated collection lines (underground and overhead), access roads, permanent meteorological tower(s), laydown areas, an operations and maintenance (O&M) building, and a collection substation. To deliver power to the NYS power grid the Project will include a 115 kilovolt (kV) interconnection line from the collection substation to a new point of interconnection (POI) facilities to be installed within New York State Electric and Gas Corporation's (NYSEG) Bennett Substation in Hornellsville. Since the design of the interconnecting transmission cable is proposed to be greater than 100 kV and the length is anticipated to exceed 10 miles, this component of the Project is anticipated to be considered a "Major Utility Transmission Facility" and subject to Article VII of the Public Service Law, and reviewed in a separate, but related, proceeding at the Public Service Commission. It is anticipated that the Article VII proceeding will be conducted in parallel with the Project's Article 10 review. The final design and layout of the Project is currently under development and is being evaluated based on factors such as the results of studies to be conducted pursuant to the PSS, wind and other data, and land control. While unavailable for inclusion in the PSS, the Project design and layout will be finalized and presented in the Article 10 Application.

The purpose and goal of the Project is to create a wind powered electric generation facility, in order to provide a significant amount of renewable energy into the New York State power grid. The Project will improve fuel diversity within New York State by increasing the amount of electricity produced by wind power, and will do so without the air emissions and water usage that are typically associated with other traditional forms of power generation. In addition, the Project will assist the State in meeting the goals of the 2015 State Energy Plan, which includes a goal of 50% of energy generation from renewable sources by 2030, and other State policy initiatives consistent with the development of the Project. The Project is also expected to provide significant benefit to the local community through lease revenues to participating landowners, temporary construction employment, permanent O&M employment, increased tax revenues, and payments to local businesses through the hospitality industry and the purchase of local supplies and goods. Additionally, economic benefits are expected to be provided to the Towns of Greenwood, Troupsburg and West Union, the local school districts, and Steuben County through an anticipated payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT).

The PSS precedes the formal public scoping process and therefore, among other things, will describe and identify: the environmental setting in the Project Area, potential environmental and health impacts from construction and operation of the Project, proposed benefits of the Project, proposed studies (including pre-construction studies and post-construction monitoring for potential impacts to avian and bat species), proposed measures to minimize environmental impacts, reasonable alternatives, other required permits/authorizations, and other relevant information. The PSS will also provide a discussion of potentially significant adverse environmental and health impacts to be assessed relating to the construction and operation of the Project, including potential impacts to: land use in the Project Area; public health and safety; terrestrial ecology (including avian and bat species) and wetlands; water resources and aquatic ecology; communications, transportation and utilities; cultural, historical and recreational resources; visual, including potential for shadow flicker; sound; electromagnetic fields; and impacts on the statewide electrical system.

Within 21 days after filing of the PSS, any person, agency or municipality may submit comments on the PSS by serving such comments on the Applicant and filing a copy with the Secretary of the Department of Public Service. The Applicant will prepare a summary of the material comments and its reply thereto within 21 days after the closing of the comment period. The scoping process is overseen and mediated by a Hearing Examiner designated by the DPS and will commence after required notices have been sent and intervenor funding has been disbursed. Notice will be provided when the Hearing Examiner schedules the scoping meeting.

No less than 90 days after the filing of the PSS, the Applicant will submit an Article 10 Application. Building on the Scoping process and any stipulations agreed to by the parties, the Application will include the studies developed as part of the Scoping process in support of the Project. The Application will include a description of the Project, an evaluation of environmental and health impacts, a summary of public involvement activities, an evaluation of reasonable and available alternative locations, a statement of why any local substantive standards should not be applied, an electric interconnection study including general design study and SRIS, security and emergency plans, statement demonstrating compliance with the most recent State Energy Plan, and other information. The Application will also contain the information set forth in 16 NYCRR 1001, Exhibits 1-41 unless otherwise waived by the Siting Board.

Once an Application is filed and determined by the Siting Board to be complete, the Siting Board will schedule a public hearing on the Application. The Siting Board will also issue a notice of availability of application intervenor funds that are available to be used by parties to participate in formal review of the Application. A pre-hearing conference will be scheduled by the Hearing Examiner to identify intervenors, award intervenor funds, identify issues for the hearing, and establish a case schedule. Additional hearings regarding the application and project impact assessments will be scheduled by the Hearing Examiner as needed. After hearings, the stakeholders may brief their positions and the Hearing Examiner will issue a recommended decision upon which the Siting Board will base its decision. Article 10 requires that all proceedings on the Application, including a final decision by the Siting Board, must be completed within 12 months of when the Application is determined to be complete.

Upon filing of the PSS, Eight Point Wind LLC will provide funding in the amount of \$36,190 to be disbursed by the Siting Board to municipalities and other local parties to help pay expenses, including attorneys and consultants, associated with participating in the Article 10 process during the pre-application review phase. Fifty percent (50%) of these intervenor funds are reserved for municipalities. Additional intervenor funds will be available for the Application/Hearing Phases. Following the filing of the PSS, the Hearing Examiner or the Secretary shall issue a notice of availability of pre-application intervenor funds providing a schedule and related information describing how interested members of the public may apply for pre-application funds. Requests for pre-application funds must be submitted to the Hearing Examiner within thirty (30) days after the issuance of the notice of availability of pre-application intervenor funds. A pre-application meeting to consider funding requests will be convened within no less than 45 but no more than 60 days after the filing of the PSS.

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Information is also available at the public document repositories and on the web. The DPS website is www.dps.ny.gov.

To access documents, go to "Search" at the top of the webpage, then search using the Case Number 16-F-0062, or the direct link: <http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=16-F-0062>, or by going to the Project-specific website maintained by the Applicant: www.eightpointwind.com.

File a Request for Notices:

Any interested member of the public may file a request with the DPS Secretary to receive copies of all notices concerning the Project, including but not limited to notices regarding any proposed pre-application stipulation. Written requests should be sent to the DPS Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov or sent by mail to the following address:

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