NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 16-F-0559 - Application of Bluestone Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for Construction of the Bluestone Wind Farm Project Located in the Towns of Windsor and Sanford, Broome County.

> NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL FORUMS AND PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued January 11, 2019)

Public comment is sought on an application filed by Bluestone Wind, LLC (Bluestone) for authority to build and operate a 124-megawatt (MW) wind energy project (the Project) in the Towns of Sanford and Windsor, in Broome County, New York. The proposed Project consists of the construction and operation of a commercial-scale wind power project, including the installation and operation of up to 33 wind turbines (29 in the Town of Sanford and 4 in the Town of Windsor), together with associated underground collection lines, access roads, two permanent meteorological towers, and an operation and maintenance building in the Town of Sanford. A collection substation will be located in Sanford at the end of the Project's 34.5-kilovolt collection system and will include a 10megawatt battery storage system. A second substation will be located at the point of interconnection, adjacent to an existing New York State Electric and Gas transmission line. The two substations will be connected by a 200-foot long span of overhead 115-kilovolt transmission line.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that public statement hearings, preceded by information forums for public education, will be held before the Examiners, Administrative Law Judges Sean Mullany, of the Department of Public Service, and Daniel P. O'Connell, of the Department of Environmental Conservation, as follows:

> Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 Location: Village of Windsor Windsor Community House Meeting Room 107 Main Street Windsor, NY 13865

Time: Information Forum: 2:00 p.m. Public Statement Hearing: 3:00 p.m.

> Information Forum: 6:00 p.m. Public Statement Hearing: 7:00 p.m.

At the information forums, the Examiners will provide an overview of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment's (Siting Board) certification process. Bluestone will then present a brief description of the Project and will have maps of the Project area available for viewing. Members of the public will then have an opportunity to pose questions about the siting review process and the Bluestone application that is currently pending before the Siting Board.

Those wishing to comment on Bluestone's proposal to construct its Project will have the opportunity to make a statement on the record at the public statement hearing. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance, or to present written material in order to speak at the hearing. Any person wishing to provide a public statement must complete a request card. The Examiners will then use the request cards to call each person who has requested an opportunity to provide a statement. The Examiners will continue the hearing for at least one hour, or until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this case.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711 to reach the Department of Public Service's Human Resource Office. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at the public statement hearings, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Siting Board. Comments should refer to "Case 16-F-0559, Bluestone Wind." Although comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding, they are requested by February 28, 2019.

Via the Internet: Comments may be entered directly into the case file via the Department of Public Service website, <u>www.dps.ny.gov</u>, by clicking "Search" at the top of the page and then entering "16-F-0559" into the "Search by Case Number" field. In the open case, access the screen to enter comments by clicking on the "Post Comments" box at the top right of the page.

Email or Mail: Comments may also be submitted via email to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or by mail or delivery to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany New

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York 12223-1350. Your comments should specify that they are intended for Case 16-F-0559 - Bluestone Wind Project.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Department of Public Service's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24-hours a day. Callers leaving comments should reference Case 16-F-0559 - Bluestone Wind Project. Telephonic comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Examiners who will present this case to the Siting Board.

All written comments will become part of the record and will be reported to the Siting Board for its consideration. All written comments may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website at <u>www.dps.ny.gov</u>. Click the "Search" button on the home page and then enter "16-F-0559" in the space provided for searching by case number; then view the "Public Comments" tab.

Bluestone's application to the Siting Board may be also viewed online at the Department of Public Service website at <u>www.dps.ny.gov</u>. Click the "Search" button on the home page and then enter "16-F-0559" in the space provided for searching by case number. Hard copies of the Bluestone application can be found at the Windsor Library and the Deposit Free Library.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS Secretary