

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

(Issued September 1, 2017)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a procedural conference will be held in this proceeding, in which the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board) is considering a proposal by Bluestone Wind, LLC (Bluestone) to construct a major electric generating facility in the Towns of Sanford and Windsor, in Broome County (the Project). Bluestone is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Calpine Corporation. As proposed in the Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS), the Project will consist of up to 40 utility-scale wind turbines, with the total Project nameplate capacity of up to 124 MW. Other proposed components could include: access roads, above and underground medium voltage collection lines, overhead transmission line, collection and point of interconnection substations, permanent meteorological tower(s), construction staging/laydown yards, and an operation and maintenance building. To deliver power to the New York State power grid, Bluestone proposes to construct a collection substation and interconnect to the 115 kV transmission line between Afton to Stilesville in the Town of Sanford, which is owned and operated by the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation.

Under Article 10 of the Public Service Law, before filing an application for approval to construct a generating facility, an entity must first file a PSS with the Siting Board, which initiates the preliminary scoping phase of the proceeding. Bluestone filed its PSS on August 18, 2017. The preliminary scoping phase will determine the nature and scope of the studies Bluestone must undertake to develop the information that must be included in its formal application. In general, such studies will identify and evaluate the potential impacts of a project on the environment, public health, and other public interest factors. State agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to engage in discussions with the project developer during this phase to reach agreements, called stipulations, regarding the details of these studies. Pre-application intervenor funding is available for eligible municipalities and local residents to participate in the preliminary scoping phase of this proceeding.

The pre-application procedural conference will be held before 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: Monday, October, 16, 2017

**Location: Village of Windsor
Windsor Community House Meeting Room
107 Main Street
Windsor, New York**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The conference has two primary purposes. First, the Judges will ask questions, and possibly make contemporaneous rulings, on previously filed requests for pre-application intervenor funds. Participants should be prepared to discuss

their funding requests. Participants are encouraged to consider the consolidation of requests with similar funding requests of other participants. Second, at the conference the Judges will explain and initiate the stipulations process. It is expected that Bluestone, entities that have submitted requests for pre-application intervenor funds, and persons or parties interested in pursuing stipulations will attend and participate in the pre-application procedural conference.

Pursuant to earlier notices issued in this case, comments on the Preliminary Scoping Statement are due by Friday, September 8, 2017, and requests for pre-application intervenor funding are due on Friday, September 22, 2017. These notices can be found on the Department of Public Service's web page, www.dps.ny.gov, by entering 16-F-0559 in the "Search by Case Number" option. Additional information about the intervenor funding process can be found on the Siting Board's web page, www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard.

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