

DEER RIVER WIND FARM

Lewis and Jefferson Counties, New York

NOTICE OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

Atlantic Wind LLC, (Applicant), a subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables LLC, is proposing to submit an application (Application) to construct the Deer River Wind Farm (“Facility”), a wind-powered major electric generating facility, under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (Article 10). The Article 10 regulations, 16 NYCRR § 1000.5(j)(3), require that, before any proposed stipulations may be executed by the interested parties, the public must be given notice and afforded a reasonable opportunity to submit comments on the proposed stipulations. This notice announces that on or about July 13, 2018 the Applicant will file proposed stipulations, pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1000.5, as to the scope and methodology of studies to be conducted in support of the Application. The filing of the proposed stipulations will start a 30-day public comment period during which anyone may submit comments on the proposed stipulations before they are executed by the interested parties.

As proposed, the Facility would be a 100-megawatt (MW) wind powered electric generating facility, to be located in the Towns of Pinckney, Harrisburg, and Montague in Lewis County, New York. The Facility would also include a point of interconnection substation in the Town of Rodman in Jefferson County, New York, to deliver electricity generated by the Facility to the New York State electric grid. The Facility would include wind turbines, access roads, electrical collection lines, a collection substation, wind measurement towers, temporary construction staging and storage areas, and an operations and maintenance facility.

Pursuant to the Article 10 process, the Applicant filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) on May 15, 2017 with the New York Board on Electric Generation, Siting, and the Environment (Siting Board). Thereafter, the public had an opportunity to submit comments on the PSS. Following the comment period, the Applicant prepared a summary of the material comments and its reply to comments was submitted on July 10, 2017. On July 12, 2017, a pre-application conference to consider intervenor funding requests was held and the stipulation process was commenced.

This notice is to serve as a summary regarding the contents of the proposed stipulations agreed to between the Applicant and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), New York State Department of Public Service (DPS), New York State Department of Health (DOH), and New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (DAM) pursuant to 16 NYCRR 1000.5(j)(2). Other parties to this proceeding may join these Stipulations, including the Towns of Pinckney, Harrisburg and Montague, Lewis County, and others who participated in the process. Within 30 days after filing of the proposed stipulations, any person, agency or municipality may submit comments on the proposed stipulations by serving such comments on the Applicant’s designated representative: Walter Meisner, Deer River Wind Farm, 2 Radnor Corp. Ctr., Suite 200, 100 Mastonford Rd, Radnor, PA 19087, or by emailing DeerRiverWind@avangrid.com, and by filing a copy with the Secretary to the Siting Board (Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess at secretary@dps.ny.gov).

The proposed stipulations track the exhibits required to be included in an Article 10 application pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 1001.1. The parties intending to sign the proposed stipulations agree that the studies outlined in the proposed stipulations constitute all the necessary studies concerning the subject matter of the proposed stipulations and that the Applicant will not be requested to provide additional studies, except as otherwise provided for in the proposed stipulations. Any party that executes a pre-application stipulation may not raise objections at the Article 10 hearing as to the methodology or scope of any study or program of studies performed in compliance with such stipulation. Any other party may timely raise objections at the hearing as to the methodology or scope of any study or program of studies performed in compliance with such stipulation. 16 NYCRR § 1000.5(k).

The proposed stipulations provide for agreements on the following exhibits: Exhibit 1: General Requirements, Exhibit 2: Overview and Public Involvement, Exhibit 3: Location of Facilities, Exhibit 4: Land Use, Exhibit 5: Electric System Effects, Exhibit 6: Wind Power Facilities, Exhibit 8: Electric System Production Modeling, Exhibit 9: Alternatives, Exhibit 10: Consistency with Energy Planning Objectives, Exhibit 11: Preliminary Design Drawings, Exhibit 12: Construction, Exhibit 13: Real Property, Exhibit 14: Cost of Facilities, Exhibit 15: Public Health and Safety, Exhibit 18: Safety and Security, Exhibit 19: Noise and Vibration, Exhibit 20: Cultural Resources, Exhibit 21: Geology, Seismology and Soils, Exhibit 22: Terrestrial Ecology and Wetlands, Exhibit 23: Water Resources and Aquatic Ecology, Exhibit 24: Visual Impacts, Exhibit 25: Effect on Transportation, Exhibit 26: Effect on Communications, Exhibit 27: Socioeconomic Effect, Exhibit 28: Environmental Justice, Exhibit 29: Site Restoration and Decommissioning, Exhibit 31: Local Laws and Ordinances, Exhibit 32: State Laws and Regulations, Exhibit 33: Other Applications and Filings, Exhibit 34: Electric Interconnection, Exhibit 35: Electric and Magnetic Fields, Exhibit 38: Water Interconnection, Exhibit 39: Wastewater Interconnection, and Exhibit 40: Telecommunications Interconnection.

The proposed stipulations agree that the following exhibits are not applicable to the Facility and will therefore not be included in the Application: Exhibit 7: Natural Gas Power Facilities, Exhibit 16: Pollution Control Facilities, Exhibit 17: Air Emissions, Exhibit 30: Nuclear Facilities, Exhibit 36: Gas Interconnection, Exhibit 37: Back-up Fuel, and Exhibit 41: Application to Modify or Build Adjacent.

The proposed stipulations include but are not limited to: the scope and types of studies to be conducted, the content and analysis to be supplied with each exhibit and/or study, the types of maps, drawings or explanations to be provided, the methodologies to be used in performing studies, the data to be collected and compared in the studies, impact avoidance and mitigation measures, the type and extent of agency consultations needed before submitting the Application and the information required to be provided in the Application in compliance with the regulations. The Application itself will be filed at a later date.

Once the Application is filed, and determined by the Siting Board to be complete, the Siting Board will schedule a public hearing. 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 intervenor parties, award intervenor funds, identify issues for the hearing, and establish a case schedule. Additional hearings regarding the application and facility impact assessments will be scheduled by the Hearing Examiner as needed. After hearings, the parties 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.

The record of major filings in this proceeding, including the proposed stipulations, may be examined during normal business hours at the Offices of the DPS at 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223, and may also be viewed at the local project office, 7650 North State Street, Suite 1, Lowville, NY 13367, or at the following public repositories: Pinckney Town Hall, 587 County Route 194, Copenhagen, NY 13626; Lowville Free Library, 5287 Dayan Street, Lowville, NY 13367; and Rodman Public Library, 12509 School Street, Rodman, NY 13682.

The proposed stipulations will also be available at the DPS website at (<http://www.dps.ny.gov/>). To access documents, go to “Commission Documents” on the left-side of the webpage under “Most Popular Pages” and search using the Case Number 16-F-0267, by using the direct link (<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=16-F-0267>), or by going to the Facility-specific website maintained by the Applicant (<http://www.avangridrenewables.us/deerriver/index.html>).