New York State Siting Board to Meet

Siting Board to Consider Petitions for Rehearing of Bluestone Wind’s Application to Build and Operate a Wind Farm in Broome County

ALBANY — The New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) will meet on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. to consider petitions for rehearing of the Siting Board’s December 16, 2019 approval of Bluestone Wind, LLC’s (Bluestone Wind) application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to build and operate a 124-megawatt (MW) wind facility in the Towns of Windsor and Sanford, Broome County. In its certificate and order approving the large-scale wind facility, the Siting Board determined that the facility met the statutory requirements for certification under Article 10 of the Public Service Law (PSL). The parties seeking rehearing are Delaware-Otsego Audubon Society, Inc., Broome County Concerned Residents and a resident of the Village of Johnson City.

Bluestone Wind applied to construct and operate a 124-megawatt facility, which includes 27 wind turbines (23 in the Town of Sanford and four in the Town of Windsor). The project also includes underground collection lines, access roads, two permanent meteorological towers, and an operation and maintenance building in the Town of Sanford.

In addition to the turbines, a substation will be located in Sanford at the end of the project’s 34.5-kilovolt collection system and will include a 10-megawatt battery storage system. A second substation will be located at the point of interconnection, adjacent to an existing electric transmission line owned by New York State Electric and Gas Corporation. The two substations will be connected by a 200-foot long span of overhead 115-kilovolt transmission line.

Instructions to View Webcast of Meeting

In keeping with measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19, the meeting will be conducted by teleconference and members of the public will be allowed to observe and listen to the meeting via webcast only. The webcast is for viewing and listening purposes only and may be accessed by going to http://www.dps.ny.gov/Webcasts.html.
Other Matters

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The application for the proposed project may be reviewed online at the Siting Board web page (http://www.dps.ny.gov/SitingBoard), by following the link to “Projects Under Review,” on the left side of the page. It also may be accessed by visiting the Department of Public Service website, www.dps.ny.gov, then clicking the “Search” link on the upper center area of the page, then using the “Search by Case Number” feature, to search for Case 16-F-0559. The application materials may be located under the tab “Filed Documents.” The application is also available for review at local public libraries in the project area and upon request to Bluestone Wind.

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