

NEW YORK STATE BOARD ON ELECTRIC
GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

CASE 16-F-0546 - Application of Heritage Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 for a Wind Energy Generating Facility in the Town of Barre, Orleans County, NY.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING

(Issued December 11, 2020)

On March 13, 2020, Heritage Wind LLC (Heritage), a subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy, Inc., filed with the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) application documents seeking authority to build and operate a major electric wind generating facility in the Town of Barre in Orleans County (the Project). As proposed, the Project will consist of up to 33 utility-scale wind turbines, with a total Project nameplate capacity of up to 184.8 megawatts. The Project is expected to include access roads; meteorological towers; collection lines; a collection substation; temporary laydown yard/staging areas and an operation and maintenance facility. The Project would also include construction of a point of interconnection substation that will interconnect with National Grid's existing Lockport-Mortimer 115 kilovolt transmission line to deliver power from the Project to the New York State power grid. Heritage supplemented its application on September 4, September 16, October 28, and November 3, 2020.

On December 8, 2020, the Chair of the Siting Board determined that Heritage's application complies with the Siting Board's filing requirements.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a virtual public statement hearing will be held before the Examiners, Administrative Law Judges Michael Clarke and Ashley Moreno of the Department of Public Service and Administrative Law Judge Richard A. Sherman of the Department of Environmental Conservation, on:

Date: January 5, 2021

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Event Number: 179 284 9515

Password: Jan5-5pm

Phone-Only Access: 518-549-0500

Access Code: 179 284 9515

Those wishing to comment on any aspect of this proceeding will have the opportunity to make a statement on the record at the virtual public statement hearing. **Any person wishing to provide a public statement must register in advance of the hearing.**

To register electronically: Participants who will login electronically to the hearing may register to do so by **4:30 P.M. on Monday, January 4, 2021.** Registrants should go to www.webex.com and click "Join" at the top right-hand corner of the screen, then input the event number listed above and provide all requested information.

On the date and time of the hearing, participants should visit www.webex.com, click "Join" at the top right-hand corner of the screen, and input the event number for the hearing. Participants will be asked to "select audio system." It is recommended that participants choose to have the system "call me" or "call using computer." The "call me" option will require participants to enter their phone numbers.

To register by phone: Any participant who is not able to login to a hearing electronically may participate by phone.

Call-in participants wishing to make a statement at the hearing must register to do so by **4:30 P.M. on Monday, January 4, 2021**, by calling 1-800-342-3330, where they should follow prompts to the appropriate hearing and provide the following information: first and last name, address, and phone number.

On the day and time of the hearing, all call-in users should dial, **(518) 549-0500**, and enter the access code listed above to join the hearing.

All participants will be muted upon entry into the hearing. The Examiners will call each person who has requested to provide a statement to speak. The Examiners will continue the hearing until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker as necessary to afford all attendees an opportunity to be heard. It is recommended that lengthy comments be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this case.

To listen to the hearing: Any person who would like to listen to the hearing but would not like to make a statement may access the hearing without registering. The hearing will be livestreamed on the internet and available for viewing on the Department of Public Service's YouTube channel on the date and time listed above. To access the YouTube channel, visit the Department's website, www.dps.ny.gov, and click on the YouTube icon at the bottom of the homepage. In addition, any person without internet access may listen to the hearing by phone by calling the phone access number, (518) 549-0500, and entering the access code.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's

Human Resources 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. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

The application may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service website, www.dps.ny.gov. To access documents, go to "Search," type the case number, "16-F-0546," and click "Search by Case Number." The application is also available for review at local public libraries in the project vicinity.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at the public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Siting Board. Comments should refer to "Case 16-F-0546." **Although comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding, they are requested by January 22, 2021.**

Via the Internet or Mail: The public may enter comments directly into the case file from the Department of Public Service website, www.dps.ny.gov, by clicking on "Search" at the top of the page and then entering "16-F-0546" 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. Comments may also be submitted electronically to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or by mail to the Honorable Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany,

New York 12223-1350.¹ All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Siting Board and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching by the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

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. These calls are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Siting Board by the Examiners.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary

¹ Due to concerns related to Covid-19, filing electronically is strongly encouraged.