

BLUESTONE WIND PROJECT

Broome County, New York

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF JOINT PERMIT APPLICATION, INCLUDING WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

This notice announces that, on or about March 23, 2020, Bluestone Wind, LLC (Bluestone Wind or Certificate Holder) will file a Joint Application and a request for Water Quality Certification (WQC) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) seeking, among other things, approval for impacts to federal wetlands associated with the proposed 124-megawatt wind electric generating facility to be located in the Towns of Sanford and Windsor, Broome County, NY (Facility).

On December 16, 2019, Bluestone Wind obtained a Certificate from the Siting Board for the construction and operation of the Facility under Article 10 of the PSL. The Joint Application that is the subject of this notice covers the following permits/approvals required to construct and/or operate the Project: USACE—Clean Water Act § 404; Siting Board/NYSPSC—WQC (16 NYCRR § 1000.8 and 16 NYCRR Subpart 85-2). No public comment period is required for the Joint Application at this time.

In accordance with 16 NYCRR § 1000.8(a), the Applicant is requesting as part of the Joint Application that the Siting Board issue a Clean Water Act § 401 WQC to the Facility under PSL Article 10. In support of this request, Bluestone Wind has demonstrated compliance with the provisions referenced in 6 NYCRR § 608.9.

The Joint Application includes, among other things: a description of the Project, including project mapping and design information; an analysis of the environmental setting of the Project; results from surveys conducted to assess potential impacts to wetlands, construction methods, potential impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and associated impacts from construction and operation of the Project; proposed measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts to wetlands; and reasonable alternatives. The Application also addresses compliance with the Endangered Species Act and the Historic Preservation Act.

The Project will have the following environmental impacts relevant to the Joint Permit Application under review. The Facility will temporarily disturb up to 3.4 acres of wetlands and streams during construction and will permanently disturb up to 0.32 acres of wetlands and streams.

Pursuant to the Article 10 process, this notice is being provided in accordance with 16 NYCRR § 1000.7 and § 1000.8 and will be published at least three (3) days prior to the filing of the Joint Application with the Secretary of the Siting Board. A copy of the Application will be served on the Chief Executive Officer of each municipality (Towns and County), as well as those persons and agencies enumerated in 16 NYCRR § 1000.6.

This Joint Application, when filed with the Secretary, may be examined during normal business hours at the Offices of the DPS at 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223. The Joint Application will also be available at the following public repositories: Windsor Library, 107 Main Street, Windsor, NY 13865, (607) 655-2024; Deposit Free Library, 159 Front St, Deposit, NY 13754, (607) 467-2577. Libraries often have free internet access. The Application also may be accessed on the NYSDPS website as outlined below.

All public documents filed in this proceeding, including the Joint Application, may be accessed electronically at the Department of Public Service website, www.dps.ny.gov. To access documents, go to "Search," type the case number, "16-F-0559," and click "Search by Case Number". Documents may also be accessed using the direct link: (<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=16-f-0559&submit=Search+by+Case+Number>) or by going to the Facility-specific website maintained by the Applicant: (<https://www.calpine.com/bluestonewind>).

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Any interested member of the public may file a request with the NYSDPS Secretary to receive copies of all notices concerning the Project. Written requests should be sent to the NYSDPS Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov or sent by mail to the following address:

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