



**Bluestone Wind Project
Electric Generation Facility
Case 19-E-0121**

On September 18, 2018, Bluestone Wind, LLC (Bluestone Wind/Company) filed an application to construct a wind-powered electric generating facility in the Towns of Sanford and Windsor, Broome County, New York. Bluestone Wind is seeking approval for the facility from the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board). Review of the application is ongoing.

In February 2019, Bluestone Wind also filed a petition with the Public Service Commission (Commission) under New York Public Service Law Section 68 to authorize the Company to exercise an electric generation franchise and commence construction if the Siting Board approves the facility. Bluestone Wind has asked that the Section 68 petition be reviewed concurrently with the Article 10 application.

Public Statement Hearing

The Commission is holding a public statement hearing to accept public comments on whether granting the requested certificate and authorizing facility construction is in the public interest. Interested members of the public are invited to attend the hearing and provide comments regarding Bluestone Wind's petition.

An Administrative Law Judge will preside over the hearing and the gathering of public comments.* Comments made at the hearing will be transcribed and become part of the formal record in this proceeding and will be presented to the Commission for its consideration. The Commission may adopt or reject Bluestone Wind's petition for a certificate in whole or in part or make modifications.

Please join us at the following:

Date: **September 12, 2019**

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Windsor High School
Auditorium
1191 NY Route 79
Windsor, NY 13865

* Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact the DPS's Human Resources Management Office at 518-474-2520 as soon as possible. Telecommunication Relay Service users may request a sign language interpreter by calling the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding English are encouraged to call DPS at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services.

Background

Bluestone Wind is seeking a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) from the Siting Board to construct a 124 megawatt wind electric generation facility within the Towns of Sanford and Windsor. The proposed Bluestone Wind facility will include 33 wind turbines, access roads, a collection substation, a point of interconnection substation, an operation and maintenance building and permanent meteorological towers. Electricity from wind turbines will be collected via underground lines and transmitted to a new collection substation. The interconnection substation connects the proposed project to an existing NYSEG transmission line.

If the Siting Board issues a CECPN to Bluestone Wind, the facility will be considered an electric generating plant and therefore would be subject to Commission jurisdiction. Bluestone Wind will be required to obtain Commission authorization under Section 68 to build and operate the wind facility. Section 68 requires that an Applicant provide evidence to the Commission that the proposed facility is in the public interest and economically feasible and that the Applicant can finance the proposed facility and provide electric service. The hearing is not for consideration of environmental aspects of the proposed project, which are addressed in the concurrent Article 10 proceeding in Case 16-F-0559, before the Siting Board. Bluestone Wind has requested that the Commission consider the Section 68 petition concurrently with the Siting Board's review of the Article 10 application to avoid delays that may result if the two cases were considered consecutively.

Additional details are set forth in the project petition, which was filed February 20, 2019, and is available on the Commission's website at www.dps.ny.gov. To access information regarding the petition, click on "Search" and then enter case number "19-E-0121".

Methods for Commenting on the Case

Comments can be made at the public statement hearing held on September 12, 2019 or submitted through the methods below:

- **Via Mail or E-Mail:** Submit comments electronically to Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. Comments delivered in these manners should reference the Bluestone Wind Project (Case 19-E-0121).
- **Via the Department Website:** Comments may be entered directly into the case via the www.dps.ny.gov website, by entering the associated case number (19-E-0121) in the Search option found on the homepage. After opening the case, enter comments in the "Post Comments" section located at the top of the page.
- **Call the Toll-free Opinion Line:** Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24 hours a day. Callers should reference "Case 19-E-0121 – Bluestone Wind." Comments received via the Opinion Line are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the Commission for their consideration.

All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Although comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of the proceeding, comments are requested by **November 15, 2019**.