

High Bridge Wind Project

Chenango County, New York

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY SCOPING STATEMENT

High Bridge Wind, LLC (“High Bridge” or “Applicant”) is proposing to construct a major wind electric generating facility up to 100 megawatts (MW) in size in the Town of Guilford, Chenango County, New York (“High Bridge Wind Project” or “Facility”). To construct the Facility, the Applicant must obtain a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the New York State Board on Electric Generating Siting and the Environment (“Siting Board”) pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law and the Siting Board’s rules (16 NYCRR Part 1000). This notice announces that on or about January 7, 2019, High Bridge will file a Preliminary Scoping Statement (“PSS”), pursuant to 16 NYCRR 1000.5.

What is the PSS?

The PSS will describe and identify: 1) the environmental setting in the Facility area proposed, 2) the potential environmental and community benefits and impacts from construction and operation of the Facility, and 3) the Facility’s anticipated contribution to the State’s achievement of its renewable energy generation goals. The PSS will also identify and describe the proposed environmental studies the Applicant plans to conduct during the Article 10 process in order to assess potential impacts to:

- Land uses in the Facility area;
- Public health and safety;
- Ecological resources, protected species and habitats, and water resources;
- Communications, transportation, and utilities;
- Cultural, historical, and recreational resources;
- Visual impacts and screening;
- Sound; and
- The statewide electrical system.

Furthermore, the PSS will outline potential measures to minimize Facility impacts, reasonable alternatives to the proposed layout, other required permits/authorizations, and other relevant information to be provided in the Article 10 Application.

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The Facility is proposed to include the installation of up to 30 wind turbines, associated electrical collection lines and substation(s), access roads, wind measurement towers, and an Operations and Maintenance building. The Facility would interconnect to the New York State power grid at a 115-kV electrical transmission line currently owned by the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (“NYSEG”) in an area northeast of Guilford Lake. High Bridge also proposes to install battery storage.

For more information on the proposed Facility, please visit the Siting Board’s website under Case 18-F-0262, or the Applicant’s dedicated project website (<http://www.calpine.com/highbridgewind>). Hard copies of the PSS containing project details can also be found at the local document repositories listed at the end of this notice.

21-Day Public Comment and Response Periods

The PSS is designed to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the scope and methodology of studies to be conducted in support of a future Article 10 Application. The PSS filing will start a 21-day period where the public—any person, agency or municipality—may comment on the scope and methodology of the studies proposed. Comments on the PSS may be submitted to the Applicant with copy to the Secretary of the Department of Public Service at the addresses provided below.

The Applicant will prepare a summary of the material comments and its reply to those comments within 21 days after the closing of the comment period. The scoping process is overseen and mediated by a Hearing Examiner who will also schedule a pre-application meeting and provide additional notice for it. The pre-application meeting marks the beginning of stipulation negotiations and allows for the discussion and award of intervenor funding.

Intervenor Funding

To facilitate participation by local municipalities and community groups, High Bridge will provide \$35,000 toward an intervenor fund. Funds will be disbursed by the Hearing Examiners to groups seeking assistance with expenses associated with their participation in the Article 10 process during the pre-application review phase. By law, at least 50 percent of these intervenor funds are reserved for impacted municipalities. Once the PSS is filed, the Hearing Examiners will issue a notice that such intervenor funds are available. The notice will describe the kinds of expenditures which are eligible for receipt of those monies and will provide instructions and a schedule for interested groups to apply for pre-application intervenor funds. Once the formal Article 10 Application is submitted, additional application-phase intervenor funding will be made available to facilitate municipal and party participation in the Application and Hearing phase.

Contact Information

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Hard copies of the PSS and related project documents are available for review at the following local document repositories: Guilford Town Hall, 223 Marble Rd., Guilford, NY 13780; Guernsey Memorial Library, 3 Court Street, Norwich, NY 13865; Oxford Memorial Library, 8 Ford Hill, Oxford, NY 13830; and Gilbertsville Free Library, 17 Commercial Street, Gilbertsville, NY 13776.

Digital copies of the PSS and related project documents are available on the Siting Board's Docket for this case, which can be accessed by visiting <http://www.dps.ny.gov/>, going to "Search" on the top of the webpage and then searching using the Case Number 18-F-0262, or by going to the project website maintained by the Applicant at <http://www.calpine.com/highbridgewind>.

Requests for Notices

Any interested member of the public may file a request with the DPS Secretary to receive copies of all notices concerning the project, including but not limited to notices regarding any proposed pre-application stipulation. Written requests should be sent to the DPS Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov or sent by mail to the following address:

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