

STATE OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SITING

COMBINED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT CONDITIONS, PUBLIC
COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING, AND COMMENCEMENT OF
ISSUES DETERMINATION PROCEDURE

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Facility Location: Towns of Prattsburgh, Avoca, Cohocton, Howard, and Wheeler, Steuben County.

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ORES DMM Matter No.: 21-00749

Facility Description: Applicant applied to the New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting (Office or ORES) for a permit pursuant to Executive Law § 94-c to construct and operate an up to 147-megawatt (MW) wind energy facility located in the Towns of Prattsburgh, Avoca, Cohocton, Howard, and Wheeler, Steuben County. The proposed facility components would include: up to 36 wind turbines; buried and overhead 34.5-kilovolt (kV) collection lines; access roads; three temporary laydown/construction support areas; two permanent meteorological (met) towers; two temporary met towers; two aircraft detection lighting system (ADLS) towers (if approved by the Federal Aviation Administration [FAA] and determined feasible for the entire project); a temporary concrete batch plant; an operations and maintenance (O&M) building; a medium voltage-to-transmission voltage collector substation with associated equipment and fenced areas; a new point of interconnection (POI) switching station; and an approximately 1,300-foot overhead transmission line to tie-in the facility to the existing 230-kV Stoney Ridge to Canandaigua transmission line #68 owned and operated by the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation.

Applicant filed the application with the Office on September 26, 2022. A notice of complete application was issued on October 30, 2023 (see <https://ores.ny.gov/permit-applications>, click on Project DMM Matter Number 21-00749).

ORES staff published draft permit conditions on December 29, 2023. The draft permit conditions may be accessed at <https://ores.ny.gov/permit-applications>, click on Project DMM Matter Number 21-00749.

ORES Staff Position: On issuing the draft permit conditions, ORES staff takes the position that the proposed facility, together with the uniform and site-specific standards and conditions contained in the draft permit, would comply with applicable laws and regulations. ORES staff recommends that the Office elect not to apply, in whole or in part, any local law or ordinance that as applied to the facility is unreasonably burdensome in view of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act targets and the environmental benefits of the proposed facility.

Public Comment Hearing: A public comment hearing pursuant to 19 NYCRR part 900 to hear and receive unsworn comments from the public will be held at **the Hatch Hose Fire Company, 30 University Avenue, Atlanta, New York, on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

All persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies who may be affected by the facility are invited to attend the hearing and comment on the application and the draft permit conditions. Lengthy comments will not be accepted and instead should be submitted in writing. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written comments. To ensure that all interested persons have an opportunity to speak, the Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) may limit the time available for oral comments to three (3) minutes per person. The public comment hearing will be transcribed for inclusion in the administrative record.

The hearing location is reasonably accessible to persons with a mobility impairment. Interpreter services shall be made available to deaf persons, and English language translator services shall also be made available, at no charge for either service, upon written request to Chief ALJ James T. McClymonds, Office of Renewable Energy Siting, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, (518) 473-4590, hearings@ores.ny.gov. All requests must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

In the event that the in-person public comment hearing needs to be canceled, rescheduled, postponed, or conducted virtually, notification of any change will be available at the ORES website at <https://ores.ny.gov>.

Written Public Comments: Written comments concerning the application and the draft permit conditions must be filed with ORES by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024**. Persons filing written comments are strongly encouraged to post their comments on the Department of Public Service's (DPS's) Document and Matter Management (DMM) system. To post a comment, go to <https://ores.ny.gov>, click on "Permit Applications," click on Project DMM Matter Number 21-00749, and click on "Post Comments" in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

Written comments may also be emailed to ORES at hearings@ores.ny.gov or mailed to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242. Written comments will be considered equally with oral statements delivered at the public

comment hearing, provided they are postmarked by **Friday, March 1, 2024**, or e-mailed or posted on DMM by 5:00 p.m. on that date.

Issues Determination Procedure: Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 900-8.3(b), a pre-adjudicatory issues determination procedure will be conducted by the assigned ALJ. The procedure will be conducted solely on papers and briefing unless the ALJ, in the judge's sole discretion, determines that oral argument is necessary. The purpose of the issues conference is to determine party status for any person or organization that has properly filed a petition (as indicated below), and to narrow and define those issues, if any, that will require adjudication in this matter. Participation in the issues determination procedure is limited to ORES staff, applicant, and those persons or organizations requesting party status.

Filing for Party Status and Proposed Issues: Persons seeking to participate in the issues determination procedure and any subsequent adjudicatory hearing must register on DMM and file a written petition explaining whether their request is for full party status or amicus status. For the required contents of petitions for full party status, see 19 NYCRR 900-8.4(c)(1) and (2). To determine whether an issue is substantive and significant, see 19 NYCRR 900-8.3(c)(2) and (3). For the required contents of a petition seeking amicus status, see 19 NYCRR 900-8.4(c)(1) and (3). Petitioners may also file written briefs making arguments in support of their petitions.

All petitions requesting party status and briefs in support must be E-Filed on DMM no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024**. Instructions for registering in DMM and E-Filing documents may be found at: <https://dps.ny.gov/dmm-help-electronic-filing-registration-instructions>.

Address all petitions to Dawn MacKillop-Soller and Christopher McEneney Chan, Administrative Law Judges, New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, telephone: (518) 473-4590, email: dawn.mackillop-soller@ores.ny.gov and christopher.mceneneychan@ores.ny.gov.

At the same time petitions and briefs are E-Filed on DMM, a copy of all papers must be emailed to the ALJs at the email address above, and furnished to applicant Prattsburgh Wind, LLC's attorney, James Muscato II, Esq., Young/Sommer, LLC, Executive Woods, Five Palisades Drive Albany, NY 12205, telephone: (518) 438-9907, email: jmuscato@youngsommer.com; and to ORES at the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, Empire State Plaza, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, (518) 473-4590, hearings@ores.ny.gov. Service of petitions and briefs by email is authorized provided they are received by all of the above parties and the ALJ by the 4:00 p.m. deadline.

Any questions about filing requirements or other hearing procedures may be addressed to Chief ALJ James T. McClymonds by telephone at (518) 473-4583. ORES's regulations may be found at <https://ores.ny.gov/regulations>.

Statement of Compliance with Local Laws and Regulations: Any municipality, political subdivision or an agency thereof that received notice of the filing of the application must file a statement indicating whether the proposed facility is designed to be sited, constructed and

operated in compliance with applicable local laws and regulations in effect as of October 30, 2023, if any, concerning the environment, or public health and safety. The statement must be filed and served by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, in the same manner as petitions for party status. **Any municipality, political subdivision, or an agency thereof that proposes to adjudicate any issues related to a facility's compliance with local laws and regulations must file a petition for party status as provided for in 19 NYCRR 900-8.4(c) and include the statement of compliance with local laws and regulations.**

Applicant Statement of Issues: No later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, applicant shall file and serve on ORES staff and the ALJs a statement of issues applicant intends to raise with respect to any determination of the Office, and briefing in support. Applicant shall serve the statement of issues and brief on persons filing petitions for party status within five (5) days of such filing. For the required contents of an applicant's statement of issues, see 19 NYCRR 900-8.4(b)(1).

Responsive Briefing and Response to Comments: No later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024**, ORES staff may file and serve a response to any petitions for party status, any statement of issues by applicant, and the statement of compliance with local laws and regulations. By the same deadline, applicant may file and serve a response to any petition for party status or statement of compliance with local laws and regulations. In addition, the applicant shall file and serve on ORES staff a response to public comments received during the public comment period, including any supplemental information.

Document Availability: Copies of all application materials and draft permit conditions are available for inspection at the Office's Albany office during normal business hours: Contact the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, W.A. Harriman Campus, Building 9, 4th Floor, 1220 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12227, (518) 473-4590, hearings@ores.ny.gov. Electronic copies are available at <https://ores.ny.gov/permit-applications>, click on Project DMM Matter Number 21-00749.

Copies of all application materials are also available at:

Prattsburgh Free Library
ATTN: Library Director Wilsinia C. Ocasio
26 S. Main Street
Prattsburgh, NY 14873

Avoca Free Library
ATTN: Library Director Bridget Marshall
18 N. Main Street
Avoca, NY 14809

Cohocton Public Library
ATTN: Library Director Jessie Zeh
8 Maple Avenue
Cohocton, NY 14826

Howard Public Library
ATTN: Library Manager Lorraine Nelson
3607 County Route 70A
Hornell, NY 14843

The Dormann Library
ATTN: Library Director LeighAnn Rumsey
101 W. Morris Street
Bath, NY 14810.

Statutory and Regulatory Provisions: The application is being processed and this proceeding is being conducted according to Executive Law § 94-c and 19 NYCRR part 900.

James T. McClymonds
Chief Administrative Law Judge

December 29, 2023
Albany, New York