

**NOTICE OF BARON WINDS' PETITION TO AMEND CERTIFICATE
RELATED TO PHASE II**

On September 12, 2019, Baron Winds LLC ("Baron Winds") obtained a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate") from the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment. The Certificate authorizes Baron Winds to construct and operate a 242 MW wind-powered electric generating facility and associated project components in the Towns of Cohocton, Dansville, Fremont and Wayland, Steuben County, New York ("Facility") subject to certain conditions. Subsequently Baron Winds proposed to construct a portion of the Facility known as Phase I and sought approval to modify the Certificate to allow Phase I of the Facility to consist of 33 turbines up to 650 feet in height. In May 2020, the Siting Board amended the Certificate and approved Baron's construction and operation of Phase I.

On September 6, 2022, Baron Winds and Baron Winds II LLC petitioned the Siting Board for an amendment to the Certificate for Phase II of the Facility. Baron Winds proposes that Phase II will have a maximum generating capacity of 117 MW and will be comprised of 26 turbines, 10.9 miles of access roads and 32.5 miles of underground collection line. Baron Winds Phase II is located in the Towns of Cohocton (components include underground collection lines, and O&M building), Fremont (components include underground collection lines, access roads, 26 turbines, and a laydown yard), and Wayland (components include underground collection lines).

The following modifications are proposed to Project components located within Baron Winds Phase II: increasing the height of 26 turbines from less than 500 feet to approximately 650 feet, eliminating ten previously approved turbines, shifting the location of 24 turbines; adding a collection substation to be located at the POI in the Town of Cohocton adjacent to existing switchyard; adding an ADLS Tower in the Town of Fremont; proposing two new turbine locations; and relocating access roads, underground collection lines, the O&M building, one permanent met tower, and a laydown yard/batch plant. A map showing the planned location of the turbines and other Phase II components is included with this Notice.

The reasons for the proposed modifications are necessary to optimize Facility design, ensure Phase II of the Facility can remain financially viable, and help New York achieve the mandates under the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to generate all electricity from renewable sources by 2040.

As with the Certificated Baron Winds Project, the construction and operation of Phase II will result in certain unavoidable impacts.

A copy of the Phase II Petition to amend the Certificate and all supporting documentation being considered by the Siting Board can be found at the following locations:

<https://www.rwe.com/en/research-and-development/project-plans/baron-winds>

The Phase II Petition and supporting documentation can also be found on the Department of Public Service's webpage at <http://www.dps.ny.gov/>. Click on "Commission Files", "File Search," and enter the Case Number "15-F-0122" in the search bar.

Printed copies of the Petition can also be found at Location Document Repositories in the Phase II Project area:

- Cohocton Public Library; 8 Maple Ave., Cohocton, NY 14826
- Hornell Public Library; 64 Genesee St., Hornell, NY 14843
- Howard Public Library; 3607 County Route 70A, Hornell, NY 14843

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Two Public Statement Hearings on the Phase II Project will be held on: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Fremont Town Hall, 8217 Cream Hill Road Arkport, New York 14807.

Those persons wishing to comment on any aspect of this proceeding will have the opportunity to present a statement on the record at the public statement hearings.

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at the public statement hearings, there are several other ways to provide your

comments to the Siting Board regarding the proceeding. Comments should refer to "Case 15-F-0122." **Although comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding, they are requested to be submitted by no later than June 30, 2023.**

By Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "15-F-0122" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then click on the "Post Comments" box located at the top of the page. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Board on Electric Generation and Siting, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.

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, as described above. Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call the Public Service Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-State callers 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Siting Board. Please refer to "Case 15-F-0122" when submitting comments on the Opinion Line.