



Deer River  
case number  
16-F-0267

# Deer River Wind Project Article 10 Process



The Power NY Act of 2011 established a process for the siting of electric generating facilities and re-powering projects. As part of the process, a multi-agency Siting Board is charged with streamlining the permitting process for power plants of 25 megawatts (MW) or greater. The Power NY Act also encourages investments in clean power plants and affords communities more opportunities to participate in the siting process.

## Who decides to approve an application for a major electric facility?

The New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment, “*Siting Board*”, is a part of the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS).

The Siting Board consists of seven persons:

- » The Chair of the Siting Board is the New York Department of Public Service Chair.
- » Other members include:
  - Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner
  - Department of Health (DOH) Commissioner
  - New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Chair
  - Economic Development (Empire State Development) Commissioner
  - Two ad hoc public members, both of whom reside within the municipality in which the facility is proposed to be located.

The Siting Board must make findings about the nature of the environmental impacts related to construction and operation of the facility on:

- » Statewide electrical capacity
- » Ecology, air, ground and surface water, wildlife, and habitat
- » Public health and safety
- » Cultural, historical and recreational resources
- » Transportation, communication, utilities, etc.,
- » Cumulative impact of emissions on the local community,
- » Compliance with state and local laws and regulations
- » Construction and operation are in the public interest.

The project is in the *Pre-application Phase*. During the Pre-application Phase, Avangrid Renewables must file both a Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan and a Public Scoping Statement (PSS). The PIP summarizes activities to educate, inform and involve the public in the process. The State and Avangrid Renewables must provide opportunities for public involvement throughout the process.

**The Siting Board undertakes an intensive public process requiring a multiyear review of the project**

# Five Phases of the New York State Article 10 Process



## How can the public participate in the process?

- » **Attend** public meetings provided by the applicant
- » **Participate** in Siting Board public meetings and hearings
- » **Comment** on a case. The public has an opportunity to comment on the preliminary scoping statement and the applicant is required to respond to the written public comments.
- » **Become a party** in the case
- » **Subscribe** to the case Service List
- » **Monitor** the case on the Siting Board's Web site
- » **Register** with the PSC's Document and Matter Management (DMM) System  
[http://www.dps.ny.gov/DMM\\_Registration.html](http://www.dps.ny.gov/DMM_Registration.html)

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