

HERITAGE WIND PROJECT

Orleans County, New York

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF 94-c MAJOR MODIFICATION REQUEST

On or about July 27, 2022, Heritage Wind, LLC (“Heritage” or “Applicant”) will submit a Major Modification Request to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (the “Office” or “ORES”) pursuant to Section 94-c of the New York State Executive Law. The Heritage Wind Project, a major wind electric generating facility, was issued a Final Section 94-c Permit by ORES on January 13, 2022 in ORES Matter Number 21-00026. This notice announces that Heritage Wind is requesting a modification of its Permit under 19 NYCRR § 900-11.1(c) to relocate six previously permitted wind turbines within the Facility Area.

Under the proposed modification request, the Facility would consist of up to 31 wind turbines generating up to 200.1 megawatts (MW) of electricity to be located in the Town of Barre, Orleans County. Much of the permitted Facility is unchanged from the Final Permit issued in January 2022, and will include wind turbines, access roads, electrical collection lines, substations, permanent meteorological tower, temporary power performance towers, an operations and maintenance (O&M) building, and staging/laydown areas to be used during construction, and which may include a potential temporary concrete batch plant. A point of interconnection substation will be placed in the Town of Barre, along the existing National Grid Lockport-Mortimer 115 kV power line, to deliver electricity generated by the Facility to the New York State electric grid, as previously proposed.

The Facility is a zero-emission wind energy facility that will assist the State in meeting the goals of the Climate Leadership and Protection Act and State Energy Plan, which includes obtaining 70% of energy generation from renewable sources by 2030 and significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Other positive impacts of the Facility include diversification of energy supplies, new employment opportunities (both temporary construction employment and full-time jobs), and increased revenues to County and local tax bases, purchase of local supplies, goods and services. In addition, the Applicant has attempted to minimize impacts to land associated with the modified Facility components by limiting the disturbance to forested lands and wetlands to the maximum extent practicable. However, the construction and operation of the modified Facility components may result in some environmental impacts as more fully described in the Major Modification Request, including, but not limited to: impacts on terrestrial ecology, including avian and bat species; minor impacts to forested land, wetlands and agricultural lands; and impacts to people, including noise, traffic and visual impacts.

This notice is being provided in accordance with 19 NYCRR §§ 900-11.1(c)(1) and 1.6(c) and will be published at least three days prior to the filing of the Major Modification Request. In addition, a copy of the Major Modification Request will be served on the Chief Executive Officer of each municipality in which any portion of the Facility is located, as well as those persons and agencies enumerated in 19 NYCRR 900-1.6(a).

Upon filing the Major Modification Request, given the proposed increase in base nameplate capacity from 184.8 MW to 200.1 MW, the Applicant will provide additional local agency funding in the amount of \$15,300 (\$1,000/MW of additional proposed base nameplate capacity), to be disbursed by the Office to local agencies and potential community intervenors to help pay expenses, including attorneys and consultants, associated with participating in the 94-c process. Within thirty (30) days of the date of the filing of the Major Modification Request, any local agency or potential community intervenor seeking funding from the local agency account must submit a request for initial funding to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, at 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12231, Attention: Request for Local Agency Account Funding.

This notice and the Major Modification Request will be available at the Project-specific website maintained by the Applicant: <https://www.heritagewindpower.com/> and on the ORES website at: <https://ores.ny.gov/permit-applications> under Matter 21-00026.