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Via Electronic Filing
Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary to the Commission
NYS Department of Public Service
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY12223-1350

Re: <u>Case 19-F-0540:</u> Application of Prattsburgh Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10 to Construct the Prattsburgh Wind Farm of Approximately 147-Megawatt Wind Powered Energy Facility, Located in the Towns of Prattsburgh, Avoca, Cohocton and Wheeler, Steuben County, NY

NOTICE OF ELECTION and TRANSFER TO 94-c

Dear Secretary Phillips:

We represent the Applicant, Prattsburgh Wind, LLC (the "Applicant"), in the abovereferenced proceeding. The Applicant is proposing to construct and operate a major wind energy generating facility of up to 147 megawatts ("MW") in electric generating capacity, in the Towns of Prattsburgh, Avoca, Cohocton and Wheeler, Steuben County, New York (the "Facility"). On August 9, 2019, the Applicant submitted a Public Involvement Program Plan ("PIP") which indicated the Applicant's intent to seek a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need from the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the "Siting Board") pursuant to Article 10 of the Public Service Law ("PSL"). On October 1, 2019 and March 16, 2020, the Applicant submitted updates to the August 9, 2019 PIP following comments and recommendations received from DPS Staff. Subsequent to the filing of the Updated PIP, the State enacted the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act (the "Act"), which adds a new Section 94-c to the Executive Law. Section 94-c establishes an expediated review process with uniform standards and conditions for renewable energy facilities with a nameplate generating capacity of 25 megawatts or more, such as the proposed Facility. Subsequent to the enactment of the Act, the Applicant informed the Towns and the communities that it would be proceeding under the new Act once final regulations were available. However, the Applicant continued stakeholder engagement on the Project and 94-c, including providing the Towns and the host communities an informal and draft PSS on or about June 24, 2020 to obtain comments on the scope of studies to be conducted for the Project and

also by conducting the host municipal consultations required by 900-1.6 and holding community sessions to discuss the new 94-c process and the Project. These pre-application consultations under 94-c are ongoing.

Pursuant to Section 94-c(4)(f) and PSL §162(4)(e), projects which have already filed a PIP under Article 10 can elect to be subject to the permitting process set forth in 94-c by submitting a written notice to the Secretary of the Public Service Commission of the Applicant's intent to become subject to 94-c and an application to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting ("ORES"). Therefore, pursuant to Section 94-c(4)(f) and PSL §162(4)(e), the Applicant hereby provides notice that the Applicant is electing to be subject to Executive Law Section 94-c and intends to submit its application to ORES in or about the 2nd Quarter 2021.

Going forward, the Applicant will continue to follow the pre-application consultation requirements of the draft 94-c regulations and generally the community engagement consultations identified in the PIP submitted pursuant to Article 10. The purpose of the ongoing meetings will be to educate the public about the 94-c process and the proposed project, including the anticipated application date and information regarding the future availability of local agency account funds.

Parties to the Article 10 proceeding are encouraged to contact the Applicant or ORES if they have additional questions regarding the 94-c process. As available, updates and additional information will be provided on the Applicant's website: https://www.prattsburghwindfarm.com/.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Party List (via DMM)