



Public Service Commission

Factsheet/Notice of Public Hearing and Administrative Conference

Cassadaga Wind, LLC Electric Generation Facility Case 18-E-0399

Cassadaga Wind, LLC, (Cassadaga) was granted approval by the New York Board on Generation Siting and the Environment (Siting Board) to construct and operate a wind-powered electric generation facility in portions of Chautauqua County, New York. In July 2018, Cassadaga filed a petition with the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking approval, under Section 68 of the New York State Public Service Law, to exercise its granted electric generation franchise and commence construction.

Public Statement Hearing

The Commission is holding a public statement hearing to determine whether facility construction and the exercise of the granted franchise is in the public interest. Interested members of the public are invited to attend the hearing and provide comments regarding Cassadaga's petition and whether Cassadaga is ready and able to exercise its rights. This hearing is not an opportunity to discuss or reexamine the Siting Board's decision.

An Administrative Law Judge will preside over the hearing and the gathering of public comments. Comments made at the hearing will be transcribed and become part of the formal record in this proceeding and will be presented to the Commission for its consideration. The Commission may adopt or reject Cassadaga's proposal in whole or in part, or modify it.

A procedural conference will take place immediately following the public statement hearing. The purpose of the conference is to identify potential parties and to provide interested persons an opportunity to explain any procedures they believe should be followed in this case.

Please join us at the following:

Date: **September 17, 2018**
Time: **6:00 pm**
Location: **Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Hall
30 Main Street
Sinclairville, NY 14782**

*Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should call the DPS's Human Resources Management Office at 518-474-2520 as soon as possible. TTD users may request a sign language interpreter by calling the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty reading or understanding English are encouraged to call DPS at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services.

Background

On January 17, 2018 Cassadaga Wind was granted a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need under a separate Article 10 proceeding (14-F-0490) to construct and operate a 126MW wind facility in the Towns of Arkwright, Charlotte, Cherry Creek, and Stockton, Chautauqua County.

On July 9, 2018, Cassadaga filed a petition to the Commission, seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN), under Public Service Law Section 68 to own and operate the facility. The Siting Board limited the scope of the Commission's determination to issue a CPCN and is requesting that the Commission examine the economic feasibility of Cassadaga Wind and its ability to finance improvements. The Company is seeking an expedited review of a CPCN, which needs to be issued by November 1, 2018 so, that commencement of tree clearing can begin and be completed by April 1, 2019. Cassadaga believes that it is capable of providing safe, adequate and reliable service, consistent with the policies of New York State.

Additional details are set forth in the project Application, which is available on the Commission's website at www.dps.ny.gov. To access information regarding the petition, click on "Search" and then enter case number "18-E-0399".

Methods for Commenting on the Case

Comments can be made at the public statement hearing held on September 17, 2018 or submitted through the methods below:

- **Via Mail or E-Mail:** Submit comments electronically to Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. Comments delivered in these manners should reference the Cassadaga Wind Project (Case 18-E-0399).
- **Via the Department Website:** Comments may be entered directly into the case via the www.dps.ny.gov website, by entering the associated case number (18-E-0399) in the Search option found on the homepage. After opening the case, enter comments in the "Post Comments" section located at the top of the page.
- **Call the Toll-free Opinion Line:** Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission's toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24 hours a day. Callers should reference "Case 18-E-0399 – Cassadaga Wind." Comments received via the Opinion Line are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the Commission for their consideration.

All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Comments are requested by **October 8, 2018**.