

Hoffman Falls Wind LLC – Hoffman Falls Wind Project

Madison County, New York

3-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION

Hoffman Falls Wind LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Liberty Renewables Inc. (“Hoffman Falls Wind” or “the Applicant”) is proposing to construct the Hoffman Falls Wind Project, a utility-scale wind energy generation facility with up to 100 megawatts (“MW”) in generation capacity in the Towns of Fenner, Nelson, Eaton, and Smithfield, Madison County, New York (the “Facility”). This notice announces that on or about February 12, 2024, Hoffman Falls Wind will file an Application with the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (“ORES”), pursuant to Section 94-c of the New York State Executive Law (“the 94-c Process”), seeking a Siting Permit from ORES authorizing the construction and operation of the Facility. The 94-c Process has been implemented by rules enacted by ORES and establishes a review process with uniform standards and conditions for all renewable energy projects. The uniform standards and conditions are available at 19 NYCRR 900.6 and www.ores.ny.gov/regulations.

The Facility is proposed to include up to 24 wind turbines, as well as an associated underground medium voltage collection system, a permanent meteorological (MET) tower, an aircraft detection lighting system (ADLS), temporary construction laydown areas, a temporary concrete batch plant, a medium voltage-to-transmission voltage collection substation, a point of interconnection (POI) switchyard, a short 115-kilovolt (kV) gen-tie line that will connect the Facility to the high voltage electrical grid, gravel access roads, and an operations and maintenance (O&M) building. The Facility will interconnect to the New York power grid via a point of interconnection (POI) switching station that will connect to the existing Fenner-Cortland 115-kV transmission line, owned, and operated by National Grid. More information on the proposed Facility can be found on the project’s dedicated website (<https://liberty-renewables.com/hoffmanfallswind/>).

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 the creation of full-time equivalent construction jobs; local spending on accommodations, dining, and other local services during the construction and installation period; payments to landowners; increased revenues to the Towns, County and School Districts; and bill credits paid directly to residential electric customers in the host municipality; and the generation of enough electricity to power approximately 17,968 homes annually, helping New York State to become energy independent. In addition, Hoffman Falls Wind has attempted to minimize impacts associated with the Project, for example, by limiting the disturbance to forested lands, wetlands and streams, and threatened and endangered species to the maximum extent practicable. Hoffman Falls Wind will submit an Application for a Siting Permit that includes extensive studies evaluating the potential impacts associated with the Facility and identified methods which have been agreed to be implemented to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential impacts. No sooner than three days before the Application is filed, an additional notice will be published announcing the anticipated filing of the Application. This notice is being provided in accordance with 19 NYCRR 900-1.3(d) and is being published at least 60 days prior to the filing of the Application.

Pursuant to 19 NYCRR 900-5, Hoffman Falls Wind will submit with the Application \$1,000 dollars for each MW of capacity for local agencies and potential community intervenors, which for this project, totals \$100,000.00. Any local agency or potential community intervenor can submit a request to the Office for funding within thirty (30) days of the date of the application filing. By regulation, 75% of the local agency account funds shall be reserved for local agencies. Intervenor requests may be made by mail to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, Attention: Local Agency Account Funding Request (Matter No. 23-00038), c/o OGS Mailroom, Empire State Plaza, 240 State Street, P-1 South, J Dock, Albany, NY 12242, or by email to hearings@ores.ny.gov, Subject line “Local Agency Account Funding Request (Matter No. 23-00038).”

Further details regarding the Project and updates on the Application will be provided on <https://liberty-renewables.com/hoffmanfallswind> or the ORES website, <https://ores.ny.gov/permit-applications> under Matter No. 23-00038. Printed and electronic copies of the Application, when filed, will be available for review at the following local document repositories: Sullivan Free Library, 101 Falls Boulevard, Chittenango, NY 13037, and Morrisville Public Library, 83 East Main Street, Morrisville, NY 13408.

To learn more visit <https://liberty-renewables.com/hoffmanfallswind>, or contact us at: Hoffman Falls Wind Project, c/o Liberty Renewables Inc., 90 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Project Representatives: Scott Biggar, Development Manager, T: (902) 209-0452, E: sbiggar@liberty-renewables.com, and Meg Lee, Permitting Manager, T: (860) 575 0680, E: mlee@liberty-renewables.com.