

State Environmental Quality Review
**Notice of Completion of Draft
 and
 Notice of SEQR Hearing**

Lead Agency: Town of Allegany Planning Board

Project Number:

Address: Town Hall
 52 West Main Street
 Allegany, NY 14706

Date: 02/24/2010

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law. (and local law # _____ if any)

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below. Comments are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until May 3, 2010. A public hearing on the Draft EIS will be held on 4/21/2010 at 7:00 p.m. (date and time) at 3790 Birch Run Rd., Allegany, NY 14706 (place).

Name of Action:

Allegany Wind Power Project

Description of Action:

The Project consists of the construction and operation of 29 wind turbine generators and associated facilities capable of producing and delivering up to 72.5 megawatts (MW) of electrical power to the New York state power grid.

Location: (Include street address and the name of the municipality/county. A location map of appropriate scale is also recommended.)

The proposed Project is located on approximately 9,119 acres of leased private land in the Town of Allegany, in southern Cattaraugus County. The proposed location for project components is located on multiple parcels in the southwestern portion of the Town of Allegany (with the transmission line and association substation extending into the Town of Olean). The Project is bordered to the south by the Pennsylvania state line, to the west by the Carrollton town line, to the north by private land bordering Chipmonk Road, and to the east by private land bordering New York State Route 16.

Potential Environmental Impacts:

Construction of the Project will result in temporary disturbance of up to 189 acres of soil and 224 acres of vegetation, most of which is in forest land. In addition, approximately 139 acres of forest land and 1.7 acres of wetland could be temporarily disturbed by Project construction. However, only 24 acres of forest land will be permanently disturbed and there will not be any permanent impacts to wetlands. Following restoration of temporarily disturbed land, a total of approximately 27 acres of land will be converted to built facilities (e.g., roads, turbines, substation, etc.). Project construction will also result in some level of temporary disturbance and congestion on area roadways.

Project operation is expected to result in some level of avian and bat collision mortality. Based on post-construction data from other wind power project sites, bird mortality is expected to be in the range of 2 to 9 birds per turbine per year. The turbines will be visible from many locations within the surrounding area, particularly longer distances, but will also be fully or partially screened from viewers in many locations (e.g., valley settings). There are not any receptors predicted to experience greater than 20 hours of shadow flicker annually (industry standards indicated a threshold of 30 hours per year for potential adverse impact). A few homes are located in areas where Project sound levels may be in the 40 to 42 dBA range. The Project is expected to generate approximately \$601,750 per year (\$12 million over 20 years) in PILOT revenues to local taxing jurisdictions, while requiring very little in terms of municipal services.

A copy of the Draft / Final EIS may be obtained from:

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A copy of this notice must be sent to:

Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway Albany, New York 12233-1750

Chief Executive Officer, Town/City/Village of Allegany

Any person who has requested a copy of the Draft / Final EIS

Any other involved agencies

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Copies of the Draft EIS must be distributed according to 6NYCRR 617.12(b).