

COUNTY OF ORLEANS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 859-a of NYS General Municipal Law, a public hearing will be conducted by the County of Orleans Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) on October 4, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. regarding the project, as described below, said public hearing to take place at Barre Town Hall located at 14317 West Barre Road, Albion, New York 14411.

Heritage Wind, LLC has submitted an application to the Agency (the “Application”) requesting that the Agency undertake a certain project (the “Project”) consisting of: (i) the acquisition of leasehold interests within various parcels of private land (the “Land”) in the Town of Barre spanning across a total of approximately 18,133.6 acres (the “Facility Area”); (ii) the construction and operation of a proposed commercial-scale wind power electric generating facility with a nameplate capacity of up to 184.8 MW (the “Facility”), including the installation and operation of up to 33 wind turbines, together with approximately 37 miles of associated 34.5 kV collection lines (below grade), 13 miles of access roads, one permanent meteorological tower, one power performance tower, one operations and maintenance building, a temporary construction staging area, and collection substation (together, the “Improvements”); and (iii) the acquisition and installation therein, thereon or thereabout of certain machinery, equipment and related personal property (the “Equipment”). The Project will be located on fifty (50) tax parcels located in the Town of Barre, New York.

The Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance to the Company in the form of: (i) sales and use tax exemption benefits, (ii) mortgage recording tax exemption benefits, and (iii) a twenty-five (25) year partial abatement of real property taxes pursuant to the terms of a custom payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreement (“PILOT Agreement”), with PILOT payments based upon the megawatt (MW) generating capacity of the Facility, with \$2,250 per MW to be allocated on a non-proportional basis to the affected taxing jurisdictions. (together, the “Financial Assistance”). It is anticipated that the PILOT Agreement will deviate from the Agency’s uniform tax exemption policy (“UTEF”) and that the Agency will follow the procedures for deviation from such policy prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

In accordance with Section 859-a of the NYS General Municipal Law, a representative of the Agency will present a copy of the Company’s project application, which is also available for viewing on the Agency’s website at <https://www.orleansdevelopment.org>. The Agency encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, all of which will be included within the public hearing record. Any written comments may be mailed to the Agency at 121 North Main Street, Albion, New York 14411 until the comment period closes on October 4, 2021.