

NORTH RIDGE WIND FARM PROJECT (CASE NO. 16-F-0268) ARTICLE 10 PROCESS WHERE ARE WE NOW AND WHAT'S NEXT?

There are five main phases of the Article 10 process:

- 1. Pre-Application
- 2. Application
- 3. Administrative Hearings
- 4. Siting Board Decision
- 5. Compliance

The North Ridge Wind Farm Project is in the Pre-Application phase, which includes:

- Preparation of a Public Involvement Program (PIP) Plan
- Implementation of the PIP
- Preparation of a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS)

Status of North Ridge Wind Farm Project PIP Plan:

- May 9, 2016: Applicant filed initial draft of PIP Plan with the NYS Department of Public Service (DPS)
- June 8, 2016: DPS provides comments on the PIP Plan
- Approximately July 8, 2016: Applicant finalizes PIP Plan

What's next: Implementation of the PIP Plan, which includes the following:

- Activities designed to encourage stakeholder participation and to educate the public, such as hosting public open house meetings
- Consultation with affected agencies and other stakeholders
- Establishing a website to disseminate information (http://avangrid.us/northridge/)

What's next: Preparation of a PSS, which will:

- Provide reasonably available information regarding the proposed project and environmental setting
- Identify project-specific studies to be conducted to evaluate potential impacts
- Identify any known stakeholder concerns
- Identify potential significant environmental impacts
- Identify potential measures to be implemented to avoid or mitigate impacts
- PSS submittal must be accompanied by an intervenor fee
- Anticipated completion of Draft PSS for North Ridge Wind Farm Project: Fall 2016
- Comments on the PSS are due within 21 days of its filing

Please provide your feedback!

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