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"...DEMONSTRATE TO BUSINESS LEADERS ALL ACROSS THE WORLD WHY NEW YORK STATE IS A GREAT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS." *-Governor Cuomo* New York Post, July 2011.

## **NOTES ON ARTICLE 10:**

- Regulations anticipated to be finalized August 2012.
- Applies only to facilities with a nameplate capacity of 25MW or greater.
- The Board may elect not to apply any local ordinance, law or resolution if it finds these are unreasonably burdensome.
- No state agency or local municipality can require any additional approval, consent, permit, certificate or other condition.

#### CAN NEW YORK LEARN FROM OHIO? THE BENEFITS OF A 'SMOOTH' STATE SITING BOARD PROCESS:

- Ohio's wind power regulations went into effect in May 2009.
- Three separate wind power projects were certified by the OPSB in March 2010.
- As of February 2012, 12 separate wind power projects have been certified by the OPSB, totaling 1,251MW.
- Over 550MW are pending OPSB certification.
- Ohio's first wind power construction project began in 2010 and went online in 2011 (100MW).
- Another 350MW are under construction.

### ARTICLE 10 VS. SEQRA

Local government control of environmental review process in New York has resulted in:

- Lengthy and unpredictable process depending on political climate and community opinions;
- · Unlimited compensation for local consultants and attorneys;
- High degree of probability of litigation at trial court level (with local Supreme Court judges) and appeals.

#### The benefits of Article 10:

- · Theoretical time and process certainty;
- · Capped "intervenor" funding amounts;
- Greater litigation success rate for "certificate" and litigation directly to appellate Court minimizing Court review.

#### The drawbacks of Article 10:

- Potentially more complicated, lengthy, and costly, especially where host community is supportive.
- How will the Department of Public Service implement regulations?
- Uncertainty: Mitigation/Conditions



# NEW YORK'S ARTICLE 10 REGULATIONS

## Potential Implications on New York State Wind Power Development and a Comparison to the Ohio Siting Process

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