

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD BY
STEUBEN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 18-A OF
NEW YORK GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW

Prattsburg Wind, LLC project and/or Individual(s),
Affiliate(s), Subsidiary(ies), or Entity(ies), formed or to be
formed on its behalf.

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6407 Fritz Hill Road (behind the Wheeler United
Methodist Church)

Town of Wheeler, New York

(GPS address: Bath, New York 14810)

DATE: July 23, 2025

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

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Public Hearing July 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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2 HEARING MODERATOR: Good evening everybody. It's
3 6:30, so we're going to go ahead and call the public
4 hearing to order. I just want to read through some ground
5 rules, introduce myself, and then we'll open it up for
6 public comment. So for those of you who don't know me,
7 I'm Jamie Johnson. I'm Executive Director of the
8 Industrial Development Agency, and I want to thank all of
9 you for attending tonight. Just so you know, the purpose
10 of this Public Hearing is to gather written or oral
11 comments on the proposed assistance being provided by the
12 Steuben County Industrial Development Agency to help
13 facilitate the development of Plattsburg Wind project and
14 the Towns of Plattsburg, Wheeler, Avoca and Howard. Kevin
15 Sheehan here is representing the project. Just so
16 everyone is aware, the assistance being contemplated will
17 be in the form of sales and use, tax exemptions and
18 mortgage recording tax exemptions, along with a payment in
19 lieu of tax schedule in accordance with the agency's
20 policies. Anyone wishing to comment shall complete a
21 privilege of the floor form and turn it into Jill Staats.
22 Jill has them, if you haven't already filled them out.
23 That will include your name and address for the record.
24 We also ask that you limit your comments to three minutes.
25 Transferring time to another person will not be permitted,

1 and when an individual's time is up, they will be asked to
2 yield the floor. All persons providing comments shall not
3 use lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous or libelous
4 language, or speak or act in a manner that would tend to
5 incite a breach of the peace. If an individual causes
6 disruption, they will be asked to leave the hearing. Any
7 written materials which an individual would like to make
8 part of the official record and be submitted to myself or
9 to Jill. Just a reminder, IDA representatives are here to
10 listen to the public's comments and not express our
11 opinions or views. IDA representatives will also not
12 participate in a debate of the issue. A complete
13 transcript of the hearing will be presented to the IDA
14 board and posted on our website at
15 www.SteubenCountyida.com. Steve Maier is here. He is
16 with Harris Beach, our legal counsel representing the
17 project. And at this time, I'm going to turn it over to
18 him to run the public hearing.

19 MR. MAIER: Okay. Welcome, everyone. So, I guess
20 we'll get right to it and we'll start calling names to
21 speak. What I will do is, again, as Jamie said, we're
22 limiting these to three minutes to speak. So, what I'll
23 do is around, you know, when there's about 30s left, I'll
24 just kind of give you a nonverbal cue to let you know that
25 you're nearing the three minutes. So, first we have Ruth

1 Matilsky.

2 MR. MAIER: It's right there. It's fine.

3 MS. MATILSKY: Yeah. So it's my understanding that a
4 final turbine has been selected for the project. And the
5 turbine model recorded by NYSO is the best of the 117-42
6 megawatt. I think that's correct. This is a turbine that
7 is designed for highly severe kinetic conditions. And
8 when Terra-Gen enlisted the turbines it was going to use,
9 this one was not mentioned. It's my understanding that
10 this turbine is not type certified and has a provisional
11 certificate. And I believe this means it is still
12 undergoing field testing. On the draft permit at
13 Terra-Gen submitted, it says on Page 77, "that there must
14 be a design verification confirming that the wind turbines
15 were designed in accordance with International
16 Electro-technical Commission 61400 from 2019". And, I
17 believe that means it's type certified, but the selected
18 turbine is only provisionally certified and only meets the
19 standards from 2005. What this provisionally certified
20 means? It means that manufacturers can begin series
21 production, manufacturing, even before full classification
22 is achieved. This is particularly relevant in the context
23 of wind energy, where it allows manufacturers to begin
24 producing turbines while waiting the completion of field
25 tests on the prototype. And it's my understanding of that

1 when they did their field tests on the turbines they said
2 they were going to use, the specs were definitely
3 different and this is a serious modification and should
4 call for more testing. You can't just substitute one
5 turbine for all the others and say, okay, it's okay. You
6 need to know about the setbacks and the noise. The
7 studies that applied to the existing permit no longer
8 apply to the standards of the permit. It's a major
9 modification. And I assume that the Skida, represents the
10 people of Steuben County. And, so I assume that your job
11 is to protect us when you're trying to get in business,
12 and I, I read your mission statement, and it was in there.
13 I am somebody who believes that climate change is real. I
14 look, I worry about pollution, and I also worry that you
15 do a project like this, the administration in Washington
16 is not really gung ho on the wind turbines. And we get
17 them -- we do this not in the right way. They are going
18 to grasp any opportunity that they can to say, look it
19 doesn't work. Thank you.

20 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

21 MR. MAIER: Dan McConnell.

22 MR. MCCONNELL: I don't have any comments. It's just
23 -- the only comment I have is you're live link -- you're
24 streaming it live, is there any way to confirm that works?
25 'Cause it won't work on my phone.

1 MS. STAATS: Yeah. It probably won't work until the
2 actual event. It won't go through--

3 MR. MCCONNELL: So, in real time, online streaming is
4 not going to go.

5 MS. STAATS: Yes. But you can't-- you have to use it
6 at the time of use that you can't do it ahead of time.
7 Because if you want to go anywhere because the meeting
8 isn't open yet.

9 MR. MCCONNELL: Okay. You just reference and you're
10 doing a real time online.

11 MS. STAATS: Yep. That's what we're doing now.

12 MR. MCCONNELL: But that's not being broadcast to the
13 public.

14 MS. STAATS: Yep. Yep. It is.

15 MR. MCCONNELL: It is? Because your link doesn't
16 work.

17 MR. JOHNSON: It is being recorded and will be
18 uploaded.

19 MR. MCCONNELL: Okay. So that's all I had.

20 MR. MAIER: Douglas lewis.

21 MR. LEWIS: No. I just signed it in case you had--

22 MR. MAIER: Okay.

23 MR. LEWIS: In case I have a comment to a question.

24 MR. MAIER: Okay.

25 MR. JOHNSON: Is there anyone else who would like to,

1 to speak on the record?

2 (No comments.)

3 MR. JOHNSON: Okay. With that, we will go ahead and
4 close the hearing at 6:37. Thank you.

5 (Proceedings concluded at 6:37 p.m.)
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