Wind Power Symposium
State Perspective

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Wind Sites under Consideration

New York State
Wind Power Projects

Legend
- Wind Power Projects
- DEC Administrative Boundary for New York State
- Project Areas of Concentration
- County Boundary for New York State
- Adirondack Park Blue Line
SEQR

• Only game in town
• Review process not a permit
• Lead Agency – local vs. state
• SEQR does not change the jurisdiction between agencies
• Use SEQR fee to obtain a consultant
• Not an “all or nothing” decision but must be based on the record
Typical Issues

- Zoning/Land Use
- Setbacks
- Visual impact
- Traffic/roads
- Noise
- Lighting
- Historic resources
- Birds/Bats
- Fisheries
- Wetlands (state & federal)
- Stormwater
- Habitat loss & fragmentation
Developing a Record

- Pressure to “Fast Track”
- Use the involved agencies
- Seek public input through scoping
- Resist: I’ll gladly pay you Thursday for a…
- Allow for adequate public review/comment
- Respond to all substantive comments in final EIS
- Include performance standards/siting restrictions in the Findings
Tips for Success

• Avoid co-lead agencies
• Avoid breaking projects along political boundaries
• Find an experienced consultant/attorney
• Assemble a complete record
• “Gut Feeling” not sufficient
• Internet is not infallible
• Conduct an open process
For More Information

• DEC SEQR information  
  www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dcs/seqr/

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