

MEPA Public Consultation and Scoping Session - July 12, 2006

Project Summary

An Environmental Notification Form (ENF) has been filed for the proposed project, which will require the preparation of a Mandatory Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The project as proposed in the ENF consists of construction and operation of 90-120 wind turbine generators in the Buzzards Bay area. The project will produce up to 300 MW of renewable energy, which will be transmitted to the mainland electrical transmission system via a submarine cable interconnection to a location in Fairhaven (Egypt Lane).

Permits applicable to the project include a Chapter 91 License and 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and a US Army Corps of Engineers 404 individual permit. The proposed project also requires a MA Coastal Zone Management (CZM) federal consistency review and an Order of Conditions from the Fairhaven Conservation Commission. The proposed project is also subject to the Ocean Sanctuaries Act.

Meeting Schedule and Locations

Two public consultation sessions will be held on July 12th, one in Fairhaven at 2pm and one in New Bedford at 7pm.

July 12, 2006 at 2pm Fairhaven Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven MA 02719

July 12, 2006 at 7pm Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School
1121 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford MA 02745

Comments Due: July 31, 2006

Decision Due: August 9, 2006

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DIRECTIONS

For Directions to Fairhaven Town Hall, see Googlemap link

<http://www.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=40++Center+Street+Fairhaven+MA&ie=UTF8&om=1&ll=41.636198,-70.903358&spn=0.015396,0.042915>

For Directions to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational High School, see the school website at <http://www.gnbvt.edu/Directions/Directions.htm>

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