IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAN'S MOUNTAIN WIND FORCE, LLC FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT THE PROPOSED 70 MW DAN'S MOUNTAIN WIND ENERGY GENERATION FACILITY LOCATED IN ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

MAILLOG NO. 228173

Issued: March 3, 2020

PUBLIC UTILITY LAW JUDGE'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

On January 14, 2020, Dan's Mountain Wind Force, LLC ("Dan's Mountain") filed an Application for an Exemption from the requirement to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Application") for the construction of the proposed 70 MW Dan's Mountain wind energy generation facility located in Allegany County, Maryland ("the Project") pursuant to Public Utilities Article, *Annotated Code of Maryland* ("PUA") § 7-207.1. On February 24, 2020, pursuant to PUA § 7-207.1(a)(1)(ii)(4), the Public Service Commission of Maryland ("the Commission") determined a public comment hearing was necessary prior to considering Dan's Mountain's Application, which is tentatively scheduled for the Commission's April 14, 2020 Administrative Meeting. The Commission then delegated the conduct of the public comment hearing to the Public Utility Law Judge Division.

Accordingly, a hearing for public comment will be held in this matter on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at Frostburg State University, Dunkle Hall, Room 218, 101 Braddock Road, Frostburg, Maryland 21532. The hearing will commence at 6:30 p.m. Written comments on Dan's Mountain's Application may be submitted to the Commission

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¹ See attached Frostburg State University campus map.

either by first-class mail or by hand-delivery on or before **Wednesday**, **April 8**, **2020**. All comments must include a reference to **Maillog No. 228173** and must be addressed to Andrew S. Johnston, Executive Secretary, Maryland Public Service Commission, William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Only the originally signed comment is required. No public comments will be accepted after Wednesday. April 8, 2020.

The Applicant is hereby directed to:

- Once in each of the 2 successive weeks immediately before the evening hearing date:
 - Publish notice of the evening hearing, including the caption, maillog number, time, date, and location and the purpose of the hearing as a display advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation throughout Allegany County, Maryland; and
 - Post on at least two routinely used social media platforms, such as Facebook or Twitter, and use any other means of communications at its disposal to further notify Allegany County residents of the date, time, and location of the evening hearing and the date by which written public comments may be filed.²
- At least two weeks prior to the date of the evening hearing until the day after the evening hearing, post on its home website page (if the Applicant has a website) a notice of the evening hearing in a manner so that an individual need not click the link to determine the date, time, location, and purpose of the hearing, and the date by which written public comments may be filed.
- File a certificate(s) of publication and postings with the Commission on or before the date of the evening hearing.
- Prominently post on the day of the hearing, no later than noon (EST), an informational sign at or near the public entrance(s) of Frostburg State University's Dunkle Hall.

² Any party to the matter is also invited to post the Notice of Public Comment Hearing on any website or social media platform that it may have at its disposal to publicize the times, dates and locations of the evening hearing for public comment and the date by which written comments may be filed in the proceeding.

Each sign shall be at least 17 inches by 22 inches in size and state the time, room number, and subject of the public hearing. The font size of the lettering shall be greater than 48 point size and as large as the sign allows. Applicant shall submit an affidavit certifying that the necessary properly sized information sign(s) were posted, as directed, including the time the signs were posted and a photograph of the informational sign near or at the public entrance(s) of Frostburg State University's Dunkle Hall, which shall be filed with the Commission within twobusiness days after the public hearing date.

Ryan C. McLean Chief Public Utility Law Judge Public Service Commission of Maryland

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