

# Comments on the Public Stipulations: Due May 9

## Writing your letter:

1. Pick one of the stipulations that we have posted on our website. You do not need to do more than one. <http://lakeontarioturbines.com/public-stipulations.html> or just go to [www.lakeontarioturbines.com](http://www.lakeontarioturbines.com) and go to the “Public Stipulations” tab.
2. Respond to one stipulation in your letter. You can write multiple comments/letters but do not respond to more than one stipulation at a time in your letter. DPS has to file their documents and it is hard for them to do this if there are multiple stipulations in one letter.
3. You do not need to write a lot. Make one or two points in your letter. More is fine but do not feel that you must.
4. Introduce yourself briefly - state where you live and why this project concerns you.

## Letter Heading:

### **CASE 14-F-0485 - Application of Lighthouse Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article 10**

Dear Taylor Quarles and Secretary Burgess:

## What to look for in the stipulation that you read:

**Look out for averages!** Look for studies or analysis that use “averages”. Averages can decrease the actual number so that it appears lower than it actual is. Ask that actual figures be used whenever possible.

**Definitions:** If there are terms that you do not understand, ask that they be defined.

**Studies:** Apex should include all studies on a topic. If Apex claims that they will include studies, ask that they not limit studies to supportive studies but also include studies that are critical. “**Peer reviews**” are articles written by experts that offer support or criticism of studies. Apex should include peer review of the studies that they rely on including peer reviews that are critical. Without this type of comprehensive documentation Apex is simply leaving it to citizens to complete the record.

**Data:** Request raw data, not just Apex’s analysis of the data. Apex has a reputation in the community for being misleading in presentation of data (fliers that stated the project was happening when it has not been applied for or approved) and not extremely competent (forgetting to extend permit for MET tower). You may have your own experience of Apex’s misdeeds. The community should demand that all raw data be provided for independent review and analysis. That includes sound data, wind data, bird and wildlife counts etc. The point can be raised that this is especially true in the case of Apex as they have not proven themselves to be reliable or competent or trustworthy and they have no history in NYS.

**Proprietary Data (stuff they do not want us to see!):** Apex will claim in the stipulations that it wants protection of proprietary information/ business trade secrets. Ask that Apex be required to prove that this is necessary. Apex should not be able to claim that all information is proprietary simply because they say so. The project's burden on local citizens is high and Apex should at least provide us with the information that they are using to justify placing this project here. Article 10 is about public involvement. We can't be effectively involved if we do not have the data.

**Computer modeling:** The use of one type of computer modeling should not be assumed but should be justified and multiple modeling should be used. Each modeling has its pros and cons and biases which should be listed. All possible modeling should be listed with pros and cons.

**Comments on the stipulations must be filed by May 9, 2018**

**They must be sent to both Taylor Quarles and Secretary Burgess as follows:**

**Taylor Quarles  
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Barker, NY 14012**  
or by emailing [info@lighthousewind.com](mailto:info@lighthousewind.com)

AND sent to:

**Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary,  
Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223-1350**  
or sent by e-mail to the Secretary at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov)