

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Application for Small Renewable Energy Project (Wind) Permit By Rule by Rocky Forge Wind, LLC**

Rocky Forge Wind, LLC, is proposing to construct and operate a wind energy project in Botetourt County, Virginia. The company will hold a public meeting on Wednesday May 25, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Library, 55 Eagles Nest Drive, Eagle Rock, Virginia 24085, in connection with its application for a Small Renewable Energy Project (Wind) Permit By Rule pursuant to 9 VAC 15-40-10 through 15-40-140. The proposed Rocky Forge Wind Project ("project") will be located on approximately 200 acres along approximately 3.5 miles of the southernmost portion of North Mountain in Botetourt County, Virginia.

The proposed project will consist of up to 25 turbines with an approximate maximum blade tip height of 550 feet, one meteorological tower, a collector substation, a switching station, transmission interconnection tap lines, access roads and an operations and maintenance building. The power generated by the project will be linked to the electric transmission grid onsite via the existing transmission line that crosses the property. No additional overhead transmission is anticipated to be required for the project. The public participation process associated with the application for the Permit By Rule is to acquaint the public with the technical aspects of the proposed project and how the standards and requirements of 9 VAC 15-40-10 through 15-40-140 will be met, to identify issues of concern, to facilitate communication, and to establish a dialogue between Rocky Forge Wind, LLC, and persons who may be affected by the project.

In addition to the public meeting, a 30-day comment period will begin on May 5, 2016 and run through June 6, 2016. For more information, please call Rocky Forge Wind, LLC at 540-446-0645 or by email at [info@rockyforgewind.com](mailto:info@rockyforgewind.com). Written comments may be sent to Rocky Forge Wind, LLC c/o Apex Clean Energy, Inc., 310 4th St. NE, Suite 200, Charlottesville, VA 22902, or by email to the email address above. A copy of documentation to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality in support of the Permit By Rule will be available for public review during the public comment period at the Eagle Rock Library (address above) during normal library hours.