

Exhibit 8: Federal, State, and County Permits and Approvals for the Rugby Wind Farm and Transmission Line

Environmental Permits – Wind Facility:

Agency	Type of Approval	Time table	Schedule	Notes
Federal Permits and Approvals				
USFWS	Compatibility Analysis of Disturbed Grassland Easements	60-90 days	08/15/05-10/17/05	08/15/05 submission
	Compatibility Analysis of Disturbed Wetland Easements	30 days	09/01/05-10/03/05	If needed: 09/01/05 submission. Need to be determined by USFWS.
	Special Use Permit for Wetland Easements	5-30 days	10/03/05-10/17/05	If needed: Once compatibility is demonstrated through the Compatibility Analysis a Special Use Permit will be issued for construction. A Special Use permit is for <u>temporary</u> disturbance in wetlands within wetland easements.
	Special Use Permit for Grassland Easements	5-30 days	10/17/05-11/17/05	Once compatibility is demonstrated through the Compatibility Analysis a Special Use Permit will be issued for construction. A Special Use Permit is required for <u>temporary</u> disturbance in grassland easements.
	Right of Way Permit	180-365 days	10/17/05-10/17/06	After completion of compatibility analysis, If use is compatible, then a Right of Way Permit is necessary for any <u>permanent</u> easement in wetland or grassland easements. <u>Not necessary prior to construction.</u>
State of North Dakota Approvals and Permits				
Public Services Commission	Certificate of Site Compatibility			Submitted 6/19/05. Public hearing 7/29/05.
SHPO	Section 106 Compliance Approval	30 days	Class III Survey Report to SHPO: Wind Farm – 9/15/05	If needed. Section 106 Compliance Approval is required if there is federal involvement in the Project. <u>Need for approval is not anticipated at this time.</u>
Local Permits and Approvals				
Pierce County	Conditional Use Permits for Wind Farm			Received 07/12/05



Environmental Permits – Transmission Facility:

Agency	Type of Approval	Time table	Schedule	Notes
Federal Permits and Approvals				
USACE	Section 404 Permit	30-60 days	09/01/05-10/01/05	Nationwide permit needed for permanent and temporary impacts to wetland adjacent to jurisdictional water in Section 33, T157N, R72W for installation of transmission pole. Necessary prior to installation of the transmission pole.
State of North Dakota Approvals and Permits				
Public Services Commission	Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit			Submitted 6/19/05. Public hearing 7/29/05.
North Dakota Department of Health	401 Water Quality Certification	30-60 days	09/01/05-10/01/05	Required for wetland fill in jurisdictional water in Section 33, T157N, R72W for installation of transmission pole. Required prior to installation of transmission pole.
SHPO	Section 106 Compliance Approval	30 days	Class III Survey Report to SHPO: Transmission – 8/8/05	If needed. Section 106 Compliance Approval is required if there is federal involvement in the Project. <u>Need for approval is not anticipated at this time.</u>
Local Permits and Approvals				
Pierce County	Conditional Use Permits for Transmission			Received 07/12/05

Construction Permits – Wind Facility:

Agency	Type of Approval	Time table	Schedule	Notes
Federal Approvals				
FAA	Form 7460-1, Notice of Proposed Construction	60 days	02/01/06-04/01/06	Notice and approval are required for structures over 200 feet in height. FAA approval of lighting and marking of turbines is required <u>prior to erection of tower.</u>
FAA	Form 7460-2, Part 1, Notice of Actual Construction or Alteration	No response from FAA	After Construction of Turbines	File final construction as-built information with FAA.
State of North Dakota				
North Dakota Department of Health	Notice of Intent (NOI) - NPDES General Permit for Storm Water discharges associated with Construction Activity	30 days	09/01/05-10/01/05	Required for disturbance of over 1 acre of land. Must prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Required prior to commencement of construction.
North Dakota Department of Health – Lake Region District Health Unit	Septic Tank and Drainfield Permit	30-60 days	10/01/05-12/01/05	Required for installation of septic system at O&M facility. Required prior to installation of septic tank.
North Dakota Highway Patrol	Overheight/Overweight Permit	30 days	03/01/06-04/01/06	Permit required for hauling construction equipment and materials on State Highways.
North Dakota Department of Transportation	Road Approach/Access Permit	90 days	10/01/05-1/01/06	Permit required for construction of access roads from State Highways.
Local Permits				
Pierce County	Haul Road Agreement	30 days	09/01/05-10/01/05	Permit required for hauling construction equipment and materials on County Roads.
Pierce County	Utility Permit	30 days	09/01/05-10/01/05	Permit required for utility crossings on County road ROW

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State of North Dakota				
North Dakota Department of Health	Notice of Intent (NOI) - NPDES General Permit for Storm Water discharges associated with Construction Activity	30 days	09/01/05-10/01/05	Required for disturbance of over 1 acre of land. Must prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Required prior to commencement of construction.
North Dakota Department of Transportation	Road Approach/Access Permit	90 days	10/01/05-1/01/06	Permit required for construction of access roads from State Highways.
North Dakota Department of Transportation	Utility Permit/Risk Management Documents	90 days	10/01/05-1/01/06	Transmission over Highway 2 requires a permit for utility crossings on State Highway ROW. Required prior to installation of transmission.
Local Permits				
Pierce County	Utility Permit	30 days	09/01/05-10/01/05	Permit required for utility crossings on County road ROW