

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners Wefald, Clark and Cramer

Fr: Jerry Lein

Da: April 2, 2007

Re: 4-4-07 Agenda Item SW-2 Briefing memo – Cavalier County Windfarm siting application, Case No. PU-07-26

Staff review of Langdon Wind's application for a certificate of site compatibility indicates that all of the requirements in the Commission's application guidelines have been addressed. Therefore, staff recommends the application be deemed complete. However, there are some additional studies and permitting activities still underway:

1. Micro-siting: The company has provided preliminary turbine locations in its application and is further evaluating and refining those locations in order to provide final proposed and alternate sites prior to the hearing.
2. Avian Studies: Teams are on site doing preliminary raptor nest surveys and avian counts at fixed survey points along preliminary turbine string locations. This field work is seasonal with the spring and expected to continue thru late May.
3. Wetlands Inventory: Langdon Wind reports that personnel scheduled onsite this week had to be demobilized due to weather and expects to return in two or three weeks when the site is drier. Once back on site the necessary field work to determine whether a section 404 Nation Wide Permit will be required is anticipated to take about a week.
4. Cultural Resources: A class I file search has been completed and SHPO is recommending a class II pedestrian survey. An archeologist was scheduled onsite this week depending on weather conditions.

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