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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

In re: Ashtabula Wind, LLC  
Case No. PU-08-73  
Our File No. 1248-28641

Enclosed for filing please find the following:

1. Original and ten copies of Letter of Intent dated February 20, 2008, which was previously electronically filed with the Commission.
2. Corporate papers with respect to Ashtabula Wind, LLC, being Certificate of Good Standing from the North Dakota Secretary of State and filing of Certificate of Authority with the North Dakota Secretary of State.

Please call should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



BRIAN R. BJELLA

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**Letter of Intent - Corridor Compatibility & Route Permit**

Ashtabula Wind LLC

# ***Ashtabula Wind, LLC***

700 Universe Blvd.  
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February 20, 2008

Ilona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept.408  
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Subject: Letter of Intent to File a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit

Dear Secretary Jeffcoat-Sacco:

In accordance with Section 49-22-07.1 NDCC and Chapter 69-06-03 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC's) administrative rules, Ashtabula Wind, LLC (Ashtabula Wind) respectfully submits one original and ten (10) copies of this Letter of Intent to File an Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit. Ashtabula Wind is a wholly-owned subsidiary of FPL Energy, LLC (FPL Energy) headquartered in Juno Beach, Florida.

The permit would authorize the construction of a 230,000 volt (230 kilovolt (kV)) alternating current, transmission line, in the State of North Dakota. The proposed radial electric transmission line will allow the proposed Ashtabula Wind Energy Center (Barnes County, ND) to contribute approximately 200 megawatts (MW) renewable energy to the power grid.

Ashtabula Wind is requesting that the PSC waive, pursuant to Section 49-22-07.2 NDCC, the Chapter 69-06-03-01 requirement to file the Letter of Intent one-year prior to the filing of the Application for Certificate. The reason for this request is that the Project must be in-service by December 31, 2008 in order to serve our customers' needs. Ashtabula Wind would like to file the application on or about February 29, 2008. It is our hope to have the permit issued by May 1, 2008.

The following information is provided to meet Chapter 62-06-03-02 Contents of the Letter of Intent:

***1. Description of size and type of facility and the area to be served:***

The proposed facility is a 230 kV radial transmission line that will extend approximately 9.5 miles from a project substation located in Section 10, Township 142 North, Range 57 West to a proposed Pillsbury substation in

Section 13, Township 143 North, Range 57 West. The project substation provides a location for electricity generated by the wind farm to be stepped up from 34.5 kV to 230 kV, at which point it is transferred along the transmission line.

2. ***A map of the study area for the proposed site or corridor:***

See attached map showing the proposed general location of the transmission line route.

3. ***The anticipated construction and operation schedule:***

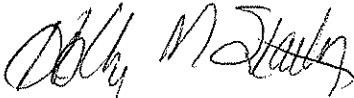
Construction of the transmission line is expected to begin on July 1, 2008 with completion on or about December 31, 2008.

4. ***An estimate of the total cost of construction:***

Ashtabula Wind estimates the cost of constructing the proposed transmission line at approximately \$3M.

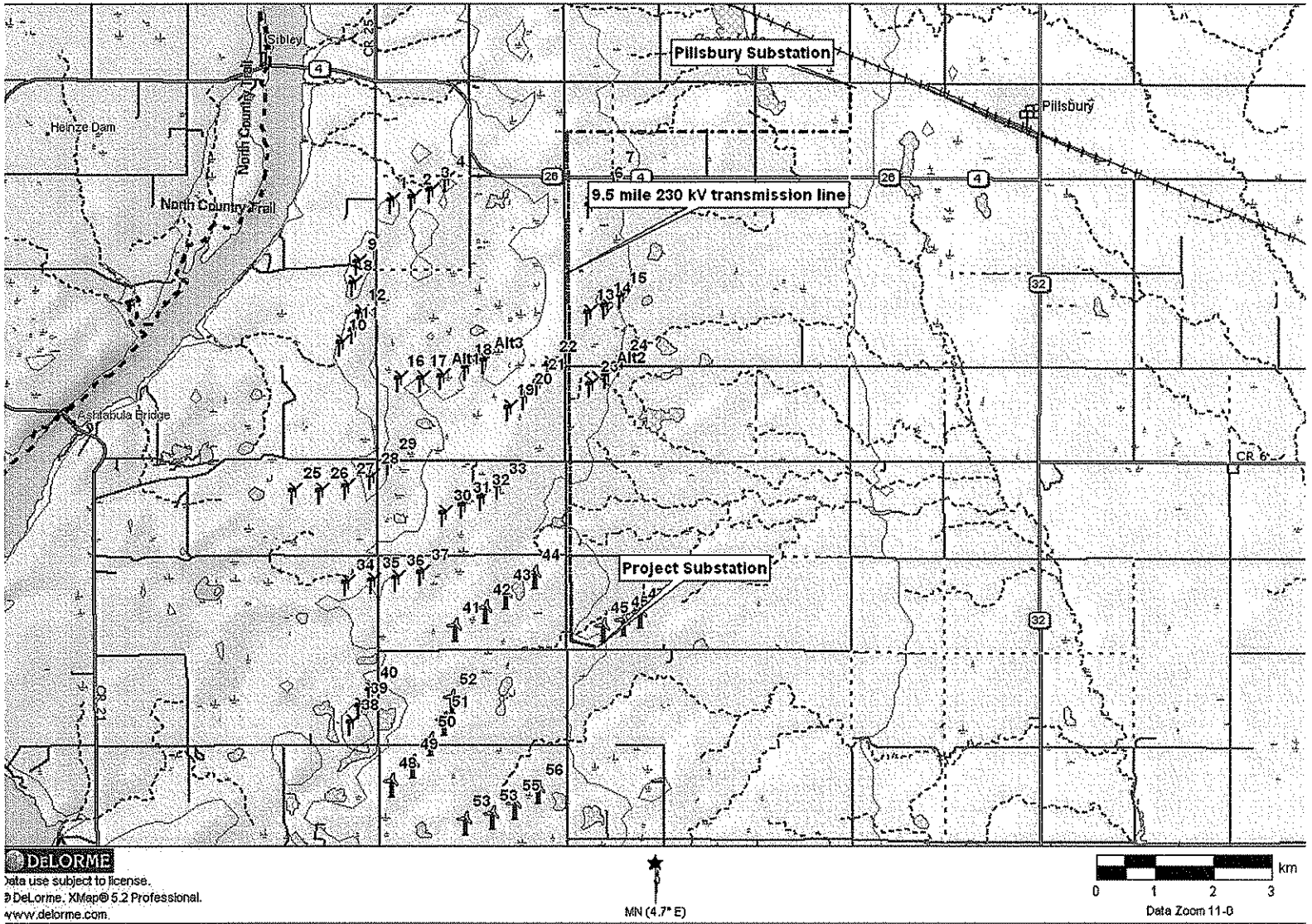
Please contact Scott Scovill at 561-691-7240 or Holly Starling at 561-358-6821 with any questions or comments on this Letter of Intent.

Sincerely,



Holly M. Starling  
Project Manager

# Attachment: Proposed 230 kV Transmission Route



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