

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Corporation
Otter Tail 48 MW Project - Wind
Public Convenience and Necessity**

Case No. PU-08-200

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE

July 2, 2008

On May 2, 2008, Otter Tail Corporation (Otter Tail) filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and own a 48 MW portion of the approximately 200 MW Ashtabula Wind Energy Center and associated 34.5 kV collector lines and electrical facilities in Barnes County, North Dakota.

On May 21, 2008 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until June 23, 2008 for receiving written comments or hearing requests. No response has been received. The notice identified the following issues to be considered:

1. Whether public convenience and necessity will be served by construction and ownership of the facilities.
2. Whether the applicant is fit, willing and able to provide service.

Otter Tail is a Minnesota corporation authorized to do business in North Dakota as a foreign corporation, and is doing business in North Dakota as a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of and regulation by this Commission.

Otter Tail currently serves approximately 129,000 retail electric customers in eastern North Dakota, western Minnesota and northeastern South Dakota. Otter Tail is an experienced electric generation, transmission and distribution utility with the experience and resources to own a 48 MW portion of the Ashtabula Wind Energy Center.

Otter Tail's most recent integrated resource plan indicates that the additional 48 MW of wind generation is needed to meet system resource requirements. Otter Tail has determined that ownership of these facilities is cost-effective compared to energy purchases.

The facilities for which Otter Tail seeks certification were permitted by this Commission in Case No. PU-08-32 where Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 7 was issued to Ashtabula Wind, LLC authorizing construction of the Ashtabula Wind Energy Center.

The Commission finds public convenience and necessity will be served by construction and ownership of the facilities.


The Commission finds that Otter Tail is fit, willing and able to provide service.

Order

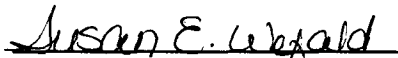
The Commission Orders:

1. The application of Otter Tail Corporation d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and own electric generation facilities in North Dakota is GRANTED.
2. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5347 is issued to Otter Tail Corporation to construct and operate a 48 MW portion of the Ashtabula Wind Energy Center.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Tony Clark
Commissioner



Susan E. Wefald
President



Kevin Cramer
Commissioner

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Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Certificate Number 5347

This is to certify that public convenience and necessity require, and permission is granted, for Otter Tail Corporation to construct and own a 48 MW portion of the Ashtabula Wind Energy Center located in Barnes County, North Dakota.

This certificate is issued in accordance with the Order of this Commission dated July 2, 2008 in Case No. PU-08-200, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in the Order.

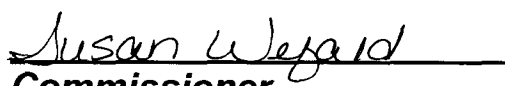
This certificate is conditioned upon Otter Tail Corporation securing the franchise or other authority of the proper municipal or other public authority for the exercise of these rights and privileges.

Bismarck, North Dakota, July 2, 2008.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Director


Commissioner