

## MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners Cramer, Clark and Kalk  
Fr: Jerry Lein  
Da: March 11, 2008  
Re: Agenda TC-1: Rough Rider Wind I, LLC Wind Energy Center  
Case No. PU-09-84

Staff review of Rough Rider Wind's applications for a certificate of site compatibility indicates that all of the requirements in the Commission's application guidelines have been addressed. The application includes a preliminary site plan, but refinements to preliminary turbine locations are expected as some additional studies and permitting activities are still underway:

1. Micro-siting: The company is further evaluating and refining preliminary turbine locations in order to provide final proposed and alternate turbine sites prior to the hearing.
2. Spring Avian Studies: Results from avian studies completed last fall are included in the application. Additional spring raptor nest and avian surveys are scheduled to begin weather permitting.
3. Wetlands Delineation Report: Wetland delineation was performed last fall. A final report is in progress and expected to be filed soon.

Staff recommends the application be deemed complete conditioned, as has been done in the past, on receiving final structure locations at least one week prior to hearing.

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