

Lein, Jerry R.

From: Lein, Jerry R.
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 3:52 PM
To: 'Martorano, Tracey'
Subject: RE: Ashtabula II - Turbine Move Request

Tracey –Please consider this e-mail as staff approval of the turbine location change requested below. Thanks.

Jerry Lein
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From: Martorano, Tracey [mailto:Tracey.Martorano@tetratech.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2009 10:18 AM
To: Lein, Jerry R.
Subject: Ashtabula II - Turbine Move Request
Importance: High

Jerry,

Hello there..hope your summer is going well. Attached is a letter regarding a turbine location that was in a USFWS wetland easement. It describes how it was determined and the slight modification to the turbine location that we are requesting. I assume you will just provide a letter stating that this move is approved by the PSC? Should I forward this to someone else?

Let me know if you have questions.

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Email – Staff Approval of Turbine 179 Relocation



TETRA TECH EC, INC.

July 28, 2009

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Ashtabula Wind II, LLC – Ashtabula Wind II Energy Center, Griggs and Steele Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-09-221)

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

As you know, Ashtabula Wind II LLC, (Case No. PU-09-221) began construction of the wind energy center on July 9, 2009 after the Official Notice of Commencement of Construction. The construction contractor met with United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) representatives earlier that week in order to determine the boundaries of all USFWS wetlands in the south field and stake them accordingly in order to avoid any impact concerns.

During this time, the USFWS representative informed the onsite environmental monitor that the average water level of a specific amount of acreage that was leased is used to determine the size of the wetland from year to year. Therefore, actual wetland basins can increase and decrease in size on a yearly basis.

After identifying the easement boundaries, it was determined that one of the turbines, Turbine 179, was located in a USFWS wetland easement. In order to avoid impacting this wetland, Turbine 179 should be moved approximately 156 ft north of the old location to avoid the wetland. The associated collection line and road will also be moved. Please see the attached figure showing the original and newly proposed location.

There are no other environmental impacts associated with this move.

This letter serves as the notice required by paragraph 32 on page 10 of the order. We respectfully request written approval from the Commission or the Commission Staff to make this change. Please call me at (617) 457-8272 or Mr. Brian Bjella (applicant's counsel) at (701) 223-6585 with any questions.

Sincerely,

TETRA TECH EC, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey M. Martorano', written over a horizontal line.

Tracey M. Martorano, P.E.
Senior Project Manager

cc: Brian Bjella (Applicants Counsel)



NextEra Energy - Ashtabula Wind II, LLC

Turbine 179 Location Detail

Legend

- New WTG Locations (07-17-09)
- Access Roads (07-15-09)
- Existing WTG Locations (05-22-09)
- Access Roads (05-22-09)
- USFWS Polygon

