

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Basin Electric Power Coop / PrairieWinds ND1, Inc
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-09-692

**ORDER REISSUING CERTIFICATE
December 31, 2009**

On August 12, 2009, in Case No. PU-08-75, the Commission issued Certificate of Site Compatibility for Energy Conversion Facility No. 14 to Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Basin Electric) authorizing construction of its PrairieWinds ND1 Project consisting of up to 77 wind turbines and associated facilities totaling 115.5 MW of nameplate generating capacity in Ward County, North Dakota.

On October 15, 2009, in Case No. PU-09-692, Basin Electric and PrairieWinds ND1, Inc. (PrairieWinds) submitted a joint application for the transfer of Certificate of Site Compatibility for Energy Conversion Facility No. 14 to PrairieWinds.

On November 12, 2009, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until December 22, 2009 for receiving written comments or requests for hearing. No response was received. The notice stated that the issues to be considered in these matters are whether PrairieWinds agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the certificate issued to Basin Electric, and whether the requested transfer is compatible with the public interest.

Basin Electric is a North Dakota cooperative corporation duly authorized to do business in North Dakota.

PrairieWinds is a corporation duly authorized to do business in North Dakota. PrairieWinds is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Basin Electric formed to design, install, construct, own, operate and market electricity from wind turbine facilities in North Dakota.

PrairieWinds agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the certificate issued to Basin Electric.

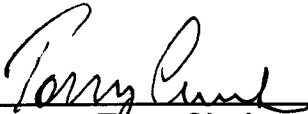
The requested transfer is compatible with the public interest.

Order

The Commission Orders:

1. The joint application of Basin Electric and PrairieWinds for transfer of Certificate of Site Compatibility for Energy Conversion Facility No. 14 is granted.
2. First Reissued Certificate of Site Compatibility for Energy Conversion Facility No. 14 is issued to PrairieWinds ND1, Inc.

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Commissioner



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Certificate of Site Compatibility for Energy Conversion Facility

**First Reissued
Certificate Number 14**

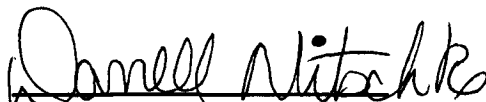
This is to certify that the Commission has designated an energy conversion facility site for PrairieWinds ND1, Inc., for the Prairie Winds ND1 Project consisting of up to 77 1.5 MW wind turbine generators and associated facilities in Ward County, North Dakota.

The facility may be sited in this designated location in compliance with the energy conversion facility siting criteria. This certificate is issued in accordance with the Order of the Commission in Case No. PU-09-692 dated December 31, 2009, and the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of the Commission in Case No. PU-08-75 dated August 12, 2009, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those Orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, December 31, 2009.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner