

Ashtabula Wind III, LLC

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Darrell Nitschke
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Subject: Letter of Intent to File a Certificate of Site Compatibility

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

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 III, LLC respectfully submits one original and ten (10) copies of this Letter of Intent to File an Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility.

The certificate would authorize the construction of a wind energy facility (herein Project) in the State of North Dakota. The proposed Project would provide up to 70 MW of renewable energy to the power grid.

Ashtabula Wind III, LLC is requesting that the PSC waive, pursuant to Section 49-22-07.2 NDCC and the Chapter 69-06-03-01 NDAC, the requirements 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, 2010, in order to serve our customers' needs. Ashtabula Wind III, LLC would like to file the application on or about May 20, 2010. It is our hope to have the permit issued by August 1, 2010.

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 project would be constructed on up to 20 square miles of leased private property approximately fifteen miles northeast of Valley City, North Dakota, and consist of up to 46 wind turbine generators, access roads, underground and overhead collection lines, and a 230kV windfarm substation. The proposed project would contribute up to 70 MW of renewable energy to the power grid.
2. ***A map of the study area for the proposed site or corridor:***
See attached map showing the proposed general location of the wind farm.

3. ***The anticipated construction and operation schedule:***
Construction of the wind farm is expected to begin August 1, 2010, with completion on or about December 31, 2010.

4. ***An estimate of the total cost of construction:***
Ashtabula Wind III, LLC estimates the cost of constructing the proposed project at approximately \$140 million.

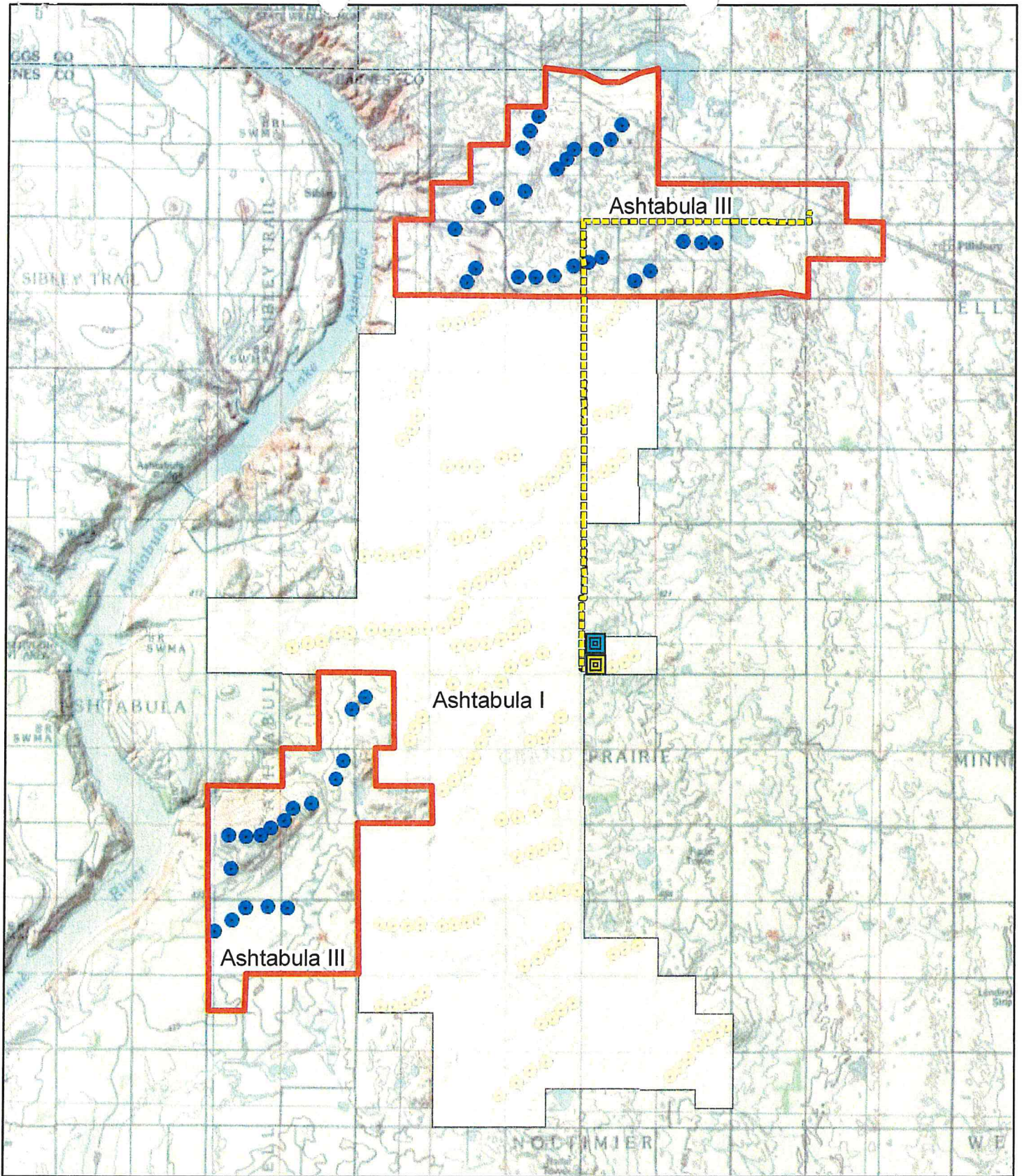
Please contact me at (561) 691-7240 or Scott.Scovill@nexteraenergyresources.com with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Scott Scovill
Director, Ashtabula Wind III, LLC

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Ashtabula III Wind Energy Center Barnes County, North Dakota



- Ashtabula III Project Boundary
- Proposed Ashtabula III Turbines
- Proposed Ashtabula III Substation
- Ashtabula I Project Boundary
- Ashtabula I Turbines
- Ashtabula I T-Line
- Ashtabula I Substation

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