

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case No. PU-10-147

In the matter of the Application of
Ashtabula Wind III, LLC for a
Certificate of Site Compatibility to
Construct a Wind Energy Facility in
Barnes County, North Dakota

**APPLICATION OF ASHTABULA WIND III, LLC
FOR CERTIFICATE OF SITE COMPATIBILITY
FOR A WIND ENERGY FACILITY**

Ashtabula Wind III, LLC (“Ashtabula III”), whose address for purposes of this Application is 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, FL 33408-2683, pursuant to the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act codified at North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (“Act”), hereby submits this Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility (“Application”).

Ashtabula III is a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (“NextEra Energy”). Ashtabula III previously filed a Letter of Intent to File an Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility which included a request for a waiver of Certain Procedures and Time Schedules dated May 5, 2010, with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”).

On May 12, 2010, the Commission reduced the one-year waiting period between filing the letter of intent and a siting application to one week, and assessed a filing fee of \$70,000.00. Ashtabula III hereby files this Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility to the Commission and requests that the Commission (1) hold one hearing for the requested certificate

of site compatibility; (2) find that the proposed facility is of such design, location, and purpose that it will produce minimal adverse effects; and (3) designated and approve the requested facility as identified in this Application, and issue the appropriate certificate of site compatibility.

DESCRIPTION

Ashtabula III proposes to construct a wind energy facility known as the Ashtabula III Wind Energy Center, consisting of up to 43 1.6-MW wind turbines with associated access roads, electrical collection lines, and an electrical substation.

NEED

North Dakota offers tremendous renewable energy potential to the state and regional power system. Renewable energy has numerous benefits to the citizens of the region, including minimizing the emissions from conventional power plants. Wind energy also benefits local economies during construction and operation of the wind energy center. Energy generated at the wind energy facility and transmitted to the regional electric system will be supplied to regional power customers.

COST

The estimated cost of construction of the Ashtabula III Wind Energy Center is approximately \$140,000,000.00.

JUSTIFICATION

The proposed project would contribute up to an additional 68.8 MW of renewable wind energy. As demonstrated in this Application, there will be minimal adverse effects by such construction.

Construction must commence by approximately August 1, 2010, in order to be completed


this year. Thus, Ashtabula III respectfully requests the Commission to render an expeditious decision approving the requested facility and issuing a certificate of site compatibility for the Ashtabula III Wind Energy Center.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

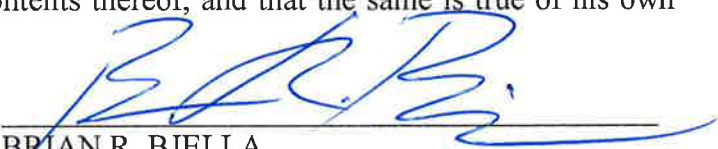
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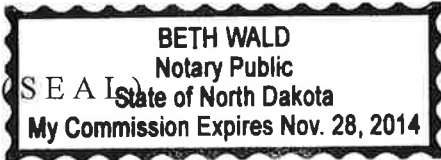
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Brian R. Bjella, being separately sworn, deposes and states that he has read the above and foregoing Application, that he knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own personal knowledge.


BRIAN R. BJELLA

Subscribed and sworn to this 13th day of May, 2010.




Beth Wald, Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires 11/28/14