

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application of Oliver
Wind III, LLC for a Certificate of Site
Compatibility to Construct a Wind Energy
Facility in Morton County, North Dakota

Case No. PU-11-561

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

Oliver Wind III, LLC (“Oliver 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”).

Oliver III is a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (“NextEra Energy”). Oliver III filed a Letter of Intent to File an Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility which included a request for a waiver or reduction of certain procedures and time schedules dated August 19, 2011, with the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) on August 22, 2011. On October 14, 2011, the Commission acknowledged the Letter of Intent, shortened the one-year waiting period between filing a letter of intent and a siting application to thirty days, and assessed a filing fee of \$40,500.00.

Oliver III requests that the Commission (1) hold one hearing for the requested certificate of site compatibility; (2) find that the proposed facilities are of such design, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects; and (3) designate and approve the requested facility as identified in this Application, and issue the appropriate certificate of site compatibility.

DESCRIPTION

Oliver III proposes to construct a wind energy facility known as the Oliver Wind III Energy Center, consisting of up to 30 1.6-MW wind turbines with associated access roads up to

36 feet in width, electrical collection systems and cabling, a collection substation, meteorological towers and a construction laydown area.

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 Oliver Wind III Energy Center is \$81,000,000.00.

JUSTIFICATION

The proposed project would contribute an additional 48 MW of renewable wind energy. As demonstrated in this Application, there will be minimal adverse effects by such construction.

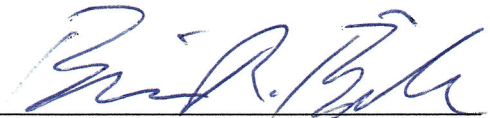
Construction must commence by approximately June 1, 2012, in order to be completed by December 31, 2012. Thus, Oliver III respectfully requests the Commission to render an expeditious decision approving the requested facilities and issuing a certificate of site compatibility for the Oliver Wind III Energy Center.

Dated this 28th day of October, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

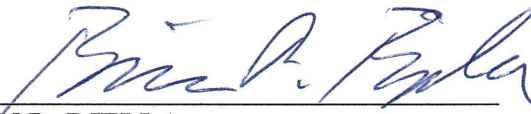
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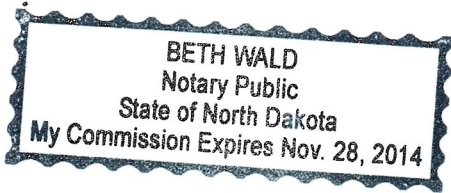
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA))SS.
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

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 before me this 28th day of October, 2011.




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