



THUNDER SPIRIT WIND, LLC



6 December 2013

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

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to begin construction of the Thunder Spirit Wind Energy Project, Adams County, ND (Case No. PU-11-601);

Dear Mr. Nitschke,

On behalf of Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC (TSW), I would like to inform the PSC that construction of the Thunder Spirit project is expected to begin the week of 9 December 2013 and to continue for as long as weather allows.

Given what is likely to be a brief window of time before winter weather prohibits substantive progress, our intention is to focus construction on two miles of new road. This road will service Turbines 59 to 63 and Turbines A33 to 76. Attached for filing is an electronic copy of the overall layout and engineering drawings for these road sections. One hard copy of these drawings will be mailed separately to you by our engineer Weden Morris Wind Engineering, LLC. Also attached are the only additional permits required for this road work – highway right-of-way permits from Adams County and a Notice of Intent that was submitted to the ND Department of Health to obtain coverage for a NDPDES stormwater discharge permit. Given the limited total acreage to be impacted for this road construction, no coverage under a NPDES general permit is required at this time.

Although Thunder Spirit received a Certificate of Site Compatibility for a project of up to 150 MW, the initial phase of construction, which begins with this 2013 road effort, will be for 107.5 MW, in accordance with a power purchase agreement for that capacity that was signed in October 2013 between TSW and Montana-Dakota Utilities.

The 107.5 MW of capacity will be supplied by 43 Nordex wind turbines, each mounted on an 80 m tubular steel tower and having a rotor diameter of 100 m and an output capacity of 2.5 MW. Attached for filing are two pieces of product literature that provide general specifications for this machine, including maximum sound levels.

In accordance with TSW's preconstruction telephone conference with Jerry Lein, in addition to providing this NOI to the PSC, TSW 1. has notified the PSC's 3rd party consultant, Houston

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Engineering, about the start of construction, 2. has notified ND One-Call, and 3. will submit weekly updates to the PSC on the progress of construction.

Please feel free to contact me at 518-638-6938 or dalbano@globalwinds.com if you have any questions.

Thanks and best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Albano', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dan Albano
Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC