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

Re: ALLETE Clean Energy through Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC
Thunder Spirit Wind Project
Case No. PU-11-601

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find attached for filing, Thunder Spirit Wind Project Complaint Receipt and Response Procedures and Notes from Resumed Construction Conference on March 23, 2015.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

DRM:sr

Attachments

c: Emmy Baskerville - Houston Engineering (ebaskerville@houstoneng.com)
Jerry Lien - North Dakota Public Service Commission (jlein@nd.gov)
Dan McCourtney
Wells McGiffert
Frank Frederickson
John Hollingsworth

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Complaint receipt and response procedures and notes from resumed construction conference



THUNDER SPIRIT WIND PROJECT COMPLAINT RECEIPT AND RESPONSE PROCEDURES

PSC Case No. PU-11-601

This document establishes the procedures that ALLETE Clean Energy will use to receive and respond to complaints concerning Certificate of Site Compatibility conditions during construction of the Thunder Spirit Wind Project ("Project").

Complaint Processing and Documentation

Complaints regarding the Project may be sent to the following contact at ALLETE Clean Energy:

Wells McGiffert
30 West Superior St.
Duluth, MN 55804
Telephone: (218) 355-3024
E-mail: wmcgiffert@alletecleanenergy.com

Upon receipt of a phone call or e-mail, ALLETE Clean Energy will take the following steps:

1. Determine whether the contact is a complaint.
 - a. If the contact is a request, inquiry, question, or general comment, it will be forwarded in a timely manner to the Project representative responsible for following up with the contact. That Project representative will provide (to ALLETE Clean Energy staff who initially received the contact) a summary of the follow-up with the contact. Requests, inquiries, questions, and general comments will be documented and included in a separate tracking system.
 - b. If the contact is a complaint, it will be handled according to steps 2 through 7 below.
2. Each complaint received will be logged on a complaint form (attached). The form captures the following information:
 - Name of complainant, address, phone number, and e-mail address;
 - Precise property description or parcel number;
 - Name of Project representative receiving complaint and date of receipt;
 - Nature of complaint and applicable Site Permit condition(s) Activities undertaken to resolve the complaint; and
 - Final disposition of complaint.



3. The following Project representative will follow up on complaints:

Category of Complaint	Responsible Project Representative
Landowner issue	Project Manager
Public official issue	Project Manager
Highway or road issue	Project Manager
Environmental issue (wetland, water body, wildlife, etc.)	Environmental Siting and Permitting
Property access or right-of-entry issue	Project Manager
Archaeological or cultural resource issue	Environmental Siting and Permitting

4. Field staff receiving a complaint will call and e-mail the appropriate Project complaint representative with the complainant’s name, property description or parcel number, and the nature of the complaint on the same day the complaint is received if received within working hours. If received after working hours, the communication will occur on the next working day. Following the referral, the field staff that received the complaint will provide a written response to the Project complaint representative within five days, which includes a summary of actions taken to assess or resolve the complaint.
5. Following receipt of the written summary, the Project complaint contact will record the summary of actions and final disposition of the complaint in the "Complaint Documentation Log."
6. The "Complaint Documentation Log" will be updated to reflect the current status of each complaint received by the Project.

Complaints Received by the Commission

Complaints received by the Commission should be referred to:

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Duluth, MN 55804
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E-mail: wmcgiffert@alletecleanenergy.com

Following receipt of the complaint, it will promptly be assessed and forwarded to the appropriate ALLETE Clean Energy representatives for resolution. The complaint processing and documentation will follow Steps 2 through 6 noted above.

Reporting

ALLETE Clean Energy will submit via e-filing a weekly summary of all construction activities, including complaints, received or resolved.

State of North Dakota Public Service Commission

Notes from Resumed Conference

Notice of Resumed Construction Commencement Date

ALLETE Clean Energy through Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC
Thunder Spirit Wind Project
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In accordance with North Dakota Public Service Commission's (PSC) guidance, Mr. Jerry Lein from the PSC conducted a resumed conference with ALLETE Clean Energy on March 23, 2015 at approximately 2:00 p.m. Attendees from ALLETE Clean Energy were the following: John Hollingsworth, Dan McCourtney, Wells McGiffert, Frank Frederickson, and David Moeller. Mr. McCourtney is ALLETE Clean Energy's designated representative and Mr. Hollingsworth is the construction supervisor. Emma Baskerville and Bart Schultz from Houston Engineering, the PSC's third-party construction inspector, were also on the conference call.

ALLETE Clean Energy acquired Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC and all of its assets including Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 35 issued by the PSC on October 9, 2013, as amended. ALLETE Clean Energy is building this project on behalf of MDU. MDU has open dockets with the PSC seeking an ADP and CPCN.

In accordance with the PSC Certification, Paragraph 5, ALLETE Clean Energy hereby provides the notice that it will continue construction on or about April 20, 2015 with full mobilization in May 2015 for the Thunder Spirit Wind Project. Mr. Hollingsworth will contact Houston Engineering to set up standardized safety plans.

Mr. Lein and representatives of ALLETE Clean Energy discussed each paragraph of the PSC's Certification that is attached to the Order dated October 9, 2013. Except as noted below, there was no further discussion or clarification necessary on specific Certification paragraphs.

5. ALLETE Clean Energy and Mr. Lein discussed expectations for the weekly construction report and that the weekly reports will also be filed with Houston Engineering.
12. If any cultural issues are encountered, ALLETE Clean Energy will stop construction immediately and not resume until clearance is obtained from the PSC. Same for Paragraph 30 and 39 (one-call requirements).
14. Mr. Lein suggested ALLETE Clean Energy video tape the local roads to ascertain their current condition prior to construction continuing.
17. Paragraph 17 of the Certification is not modified since no variance was ever requested.

33. Paragraph 33 has been updated in recent PSC orders, but still necessary to submit preconstruction engineering design drawings on a CD to the PSC.
34. Mr. Lein noted that very minor shifts in turbine locations may be approved at the Staff level.
36. A decommissioning plan shall be submitted prior to commencing operation.