

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**FPL Energy North Dakota Wind, LLC
Wind Turbine Decommissioning
Investigation**

Case No. PU-13-794

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

May 6, 2014

On September 25, 2013 the Commission opened an investigation to determine the adequacy of FPL Energy North Dakota Wind, LLC's (FPL Energy) decommissioning plan for its Edgely I wind energy project and whether financial assurance is needed.

On January 24, 2014, FPL Energy filed an updated decommissioning plan and cost estimate. FPL Energy states that, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and its internal Sarbanes-Oxley 404 policy, the Edgely I asset retirement obligation is reviewed annually. FPL estimates a 35 year project life, after which the total cost of decommissioning and restoration of the site is expected to be approximately \$2.23 million. The cost of decommissioning would be paid for using funds obtained from internally generated cash flows. FPL Energy reports approximately \$0.3 million has been accrued towards satisfaction of this asset retirement obligation.

On January 29, 2014 and the Commission discussed this matter at an informal hearing with FPL Energy and Commission staff. Based on the filing and the discussion, the Commission is issuing this Notice concerning financial assurance for decommissioning under law and rule. The issues to be considered are:

1. Whether some form of financial assurance is needed to assure that the project site is decommissioned and restored in accordance with N.D.C.C. section 49-02-27 and N.D. Admin. Code chapter 69-09-09.
2. If some form of financial assurance is needed, what form of financial assurance should be required?

Those interested are invited to comment in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceedings and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by **June 17, 2014**. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400, or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or braille materials please notify the Commission.

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