

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC / Montana-Dakota Utilities
Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-15-592

ORDER

December 16, 2015

On August 14, 2014, in Case No. PU-11-601, the Commission issued First Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 35 to Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC authorizing construction of a 150 MW Thunder Spirit Wind Energy Project in Adams County, North Dakota.

On June 30, 2015, in Case Nos. PU-14-843 and PU-14-844 the Commission issued an advance determination of prudence and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5870 to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) authorizing its purchase of the Thunder Spirit Wind Energy Project.

On July 22, 2015, in Case No. PU-15-592, MDU and Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC filed an application for transfer of Site Certificate Number 35 effective upon closing of the sale of the Thunder Spirit Wind Energy Project from Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC to MDU. Included with the application was an Affidavit of Jay Skabo, Vice President of Electric Supply, affirming that MDU agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the certificate.

On November 4, 2015, in Case No. PU-15-592 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that provided until December 8, 2015 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No response was received. The notice identified the issues to be considered as whether MDU agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the site certificate issued to Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC and whether the requested transfer is compatible with the public interest.

MDU is a public utility that owns and operates a multi-state electric generation, transmission and distribution system. MDU provides retail electric and natural gas service to customers in North Dakota under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission.

The Commission finds that MDU agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the site certificate issued to Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC.

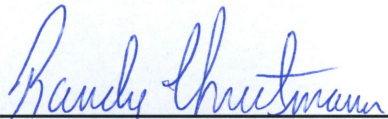
The Commission finds the requested certificate transfer is compatible with the public interest.

ORDER

The Commission Orders:

1. The joint application of MDU and Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC for transfer of site certificate is granted, and
2. First Reissued First Amended Site Certificate Number 35 is issued to MDU effective upon closing of the sale of the Thunder Spirit Wind Energy Project from Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC to MDU.

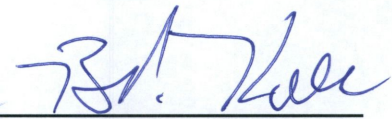
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Commissioner



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First Reissued First Amended Site Certificate Number 35

This is to certify that the Commission has designated a site for Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC for the construction operation and maintenance of a wind energy conversion facility and associated facilities in Adams County, North Dakota.

This certificate is issued in accordance with the Orders of the Commission in Case No. PU-11-601 dated August 14, 2014 and in Case No. PU-15-592 dated December 16, 2015 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, December 16, 2015.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner