

**TO: NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.**

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE FACILITY

The Aurora Wind Project is located in Williams County, North Dakota, northwest of Tioga. U.S. Highway 2 passes a few miles south of the site providing excellent transportation access.

The site is located in a rural setting dominated by crop fields.

Aurora Wind Project, LLC, has secured sufficient site control of land via long-term leases to accommodate the entire 300 MW wind energy facility.

## SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES COMPLETED IN PRIOR MONTH

- Williams County Building Permit received
- Engineering design advanced to IFC on Civil portion
- Williams County Road Maintenance Agreement completed
- All township Road Maintenance Agreements signed
- Pre-construction road surveys with county and township officials completed
- Pre-construction meeting with North Dakota Public Service Commission completed
- Numerous utility and oil & gas encroachment agreements negotiated and executed
- Landowner meeting held to introduce project team and project details
- Concurrence letter from North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office received
- Ongoing contract negotiation and detailed schedule planning
- Civil contractor mobilized to site (RES and subcontractor KLE)
- Start of construction on October 8 with topsoil removal on laydown yard under supervision of Keitu Engineering

## FORECAST OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES

- Construction continuing in October 2019 with focus on laydown yard, batch plant and access road construction. (Start was slightly delayed due to rain)
- Ongoing design work on electrical, substation and T-line
- Detailed crane sequence planning for 2020
- Commercial Operation expected in Q4 2020