

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ruso Wind Partners, LLC
Ruso Wind Project – Ward and Mclean Counties
Siting Application

Case No. PU-19-28

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 7, 2019

On January 21, 2019, in Case No. PU-19-28, Ruso Wind Partners, LLC (Ruso Wind) filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility to construct an up-to 205 MW Ruso Wind Project (Project) consisting of up to 60 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in McLean and Ward Counties of North Dakota. Following filing of the application, the Project was limited to Ward County, North Dakota.

On June 17, 2019, a public hearing was held in Minot, North Dakota on the application.

Subsequent to the public hearing, Ruso Wind notified the Commission that it would not be able to install an Aircraft Detection Lighting System due to concerns raised by the Minot Air Force Base, but is open to other potential light-mitigating technologies for the Project. Ruso Wind also notified the Commission that it no longer has a pending request to interconnect the Project via the existing Great River Energy Stanton to McHenry 230 kV Transmission Line in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator electric power grid interconnection, and is analyzing various interconnection options, including with the Southwest Power Pool electric power grid interconnection.

Since these facts were not known at the time of the public hearing, the Commission is providing the public an opportunity to comment or request a hearing specifically on the lighting and interconnection matters in relation to the issues to be considered, which are:

1. Will the location and operation of the proposed facility produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Is the proposed facility compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?

3. Will the proposed facility location minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

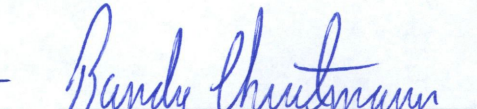
Comments and requests for hearing on the lighting and interconnection matters must be received by December 6, 2019. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine 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 at least 24 hours in advance.

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