

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Allete Clean Energy / Glen Ullin Energy Center
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-19-343

ORDER

December 18, 2019

Preliminary Statement

On August 29, 2012, in Case No. PU-11-662, the Commission issued Certificate of Site Compatibility for Energy Conversion Facility, Certificate Number 30 (Certificate Number 30) to Allete Clean Energy, Inc. (ACE) for the construction and operation of the Clean Energy #1 Wind Project consisting of up to 50 wind turbine generators and associated facilities totaling up to 100 megawatts (MW) of generating capacity in Mercer and Morton Counties of North Dakota (Project).

On November 16, 2017, in Case No. PU-17-302, the Commission issued First Amended Certificate Number 30 to ACE authorizing an increase in total Project generating capacity to 106 MW.

On September 5, 2018, in Case No. PU-11-662, the Commission issued the Second Amended Certificate Number 30 (corrected by Commission Motion on September 19, 2019) revising Paragraph 34 of the Certification Related to Order Provisions.

On April 11, 2019, in Case No. PU-19-107, the Commission issued the Third Amended Certificate Number 30 (corrected by Commission Motion on September 19, 2019) removing the specific reference to "Clean Energy #1 Wind Project" and substituting "wind project."

On October 23, 2019, in Case No. PU-19-343, ACE and Glen Ullin Energy Center, LLC (GUEC) filed a joint application for expedited transfer of Third Amended Certificate Number 30 from ACE to GUEC (Application).

On November 7, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing that provided until December 6, 2019 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No comments or requests were received.

On November 22, 2019, ACE and GUEC filed supplemental information regarding the Application.

Discussion

The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Case No. PU-19-333 identified the issues to be considered are whether GUEC agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of Third Amended Certificate Number 30 and whether the requested transfer is compatible with the public interest.

Glen Ullin Energy Center, LLC is a foreign limited liability company authorized to do business in North Dakota with a principal address of 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, Minnesota, 55802.

GUEC is a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of ACE which is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Allete, Inc.

The Affidavit of Lyssa Supinski, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and Director of Compliance of ACE and Secretary of GUEC, states that GUEC has the financial and technical qualifications to own the Project. Further, GUEC agrees to assume the rights and obligations of Third Amended Certificate Number 30, and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in Third Amended Certificate Number 30 and all applicable Commission orders pertaining to Third Amended Certificate Number 30.

The transfer of Third Amended Certificate Number 30 is requested because ACE has transferred all of the Project assets to GUEC.

The transfer of Third Amended Certificate Number 30 is compatible with the public interest.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of Third Amended Certificate Number 30 and the requested transfer is compatible with the public interest.

Order

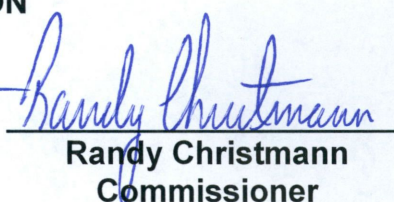
The Commission orders:

1. The joint application of ACE and GUEC for transfer of Third Amended Certificate Number 30 is APPROVED.
2. First Reissued Third Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 30 is issued to Glen Ullin Energy Center, LLC.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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Commissioner


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Chairman


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Commissioner

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**First Reissued Third Amended
Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 30**

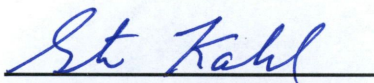
This is to certify that the Commission has designated an energy conversion facility site for Glen Ullin Energy Center, LLC's wind project consisting of up to 50 Wind turbine generators totaling approximately 106 MW of generating capacity and associated facilities in Mercer and Morton Counties, North Dakota.

The facility may be sited in this designated location in compliance with the energy conversion facility siting criteria. This certificate is issued in accordance with the Commission's August 29, 2012 Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order in Case No. PU-11-662, the Commission's November 16, 2017 Order in Case No. PU-17-302, the Commission's September 5, 2018 Order in Case No. PU-11-662, the Commission's April 11, 2019 Motion in Case No. PU-19-107, and the Commission's December 18, 2019 Order in Case No. PU-19-343, and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those orders.

Bismarck, North Dakota, December 18, 2019.

ATTEST:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Executive Secretary


Commissioner