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RE: Case No. PU-21-121  
Bowman Wind, LLC  
208.7 MW Bowman Wind Project - Bowman County  
Siting Application

The Public Service Commission Staff is reviewing Bowman Wind, LLC's application. Staff is requesting that the company reply with answers to the following questions and responses for additional information:

1. Provide a table summarizing the following information by Receptor ID:
  - a. Participating or nonparticipating status of the structure, along with whether the inhabited structure is a residence or other community building
  - b. Whether the structure is inside or outside the project area
  - c. Nearest turbine ID
  - d. Distance of receptor ID to nearest turbine ID in feet
  - e. Modeled sound power level in dBA
  - f. Modeled shadow flicker in hours per year
2. Copies of the following project control documents and/or reports:
  - a. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
  - b. Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan
  - c. Erosion Control Plan
  - d. Revegetation Plan
  - e. Weed Management Plan, and any county specific weed management plan
  - f. Construction Plan

- g. Dust Control Plan
  - h. Emergency Procedures Plan
  - i. Eagle Conservation Plan
  - j. Environmental Training Plan
3. An updated table listing all permits required for the project and the status of each permit application.
  4. Section 7.0 on page 47 of the Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy report indicates "Bowman Wind will cover up all pit holes, trenches, or other borings or excavations (but not roads selected by the landowner)". North Dakota Administrative Code 69-09-09-05(1)(e) requires that "Grading and restoring topsoil of areas disturbed by the facility, and reseeding according to natural resource conservation service recommendations, unless the commission approves an owner request signed by the applicable landowner, identifying the surface features the landowner prefers to remain in place, and the reason the landowner prefers those features to remain". Therefore, if a landowner desires an access road that is to be constructed as part of the project be left in place, will Bowman Wind obtain Commission approval for such a request?
  5. Points 12, 41, and 49 on Figure 2.1 to the Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy report appear to be located directly on the current project boundary, yet the points were excluded from the avian use surveys. Why were such areas excluded from the analysis, and would including the points as part of the survey better inform the analysis?

If you have any questions, please contact me at (701) 328-4153.

Best regards,



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