



BRIE ANDERSON, M.S.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ms. Brie Anderson is a Senior Project Manager with over 13 years of environmental consulting experience in the energy industry. Brie leads local, state, and federal permitting processes for wind, solar, and transmission line throughout the upper Midwest. She has assisted renewable energy developers in acquiring permits for over 3 gigawatts of wind and solar energy since 2016. She specializes in natural resource issues related to energy development. Additionally, her extensive GIS background has proven to make a key difference in managing projects. She understands the complex analyses, data manipulation, and data management associated with Projects as they evolve through the development process. Brie has also provided expert witness testimony for numerous wind and solar projects.

SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Bowman Wind Project, North Dakota (2019-present)

Project Manager leading development of a Certificate of Site Compatibility to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for a 200-megawatt wind project. Ms. Anderson is leading the environmental permitting strategy and will provide expert witness testimony at the evidentiary hearing.

SHN 230 kV Transmission Line Project, Mercer and Oliver Counties, North Dakota (2020-present)

Project Manager leading certification of the 16-mile 230 kV transmission line rebuild. Ms. Anderson oversaw field surveys and confirmed avoidance of North Dakota Administrative Code 69-06-08 exclusion and avoidance areas.

Harmony Solar Project, Cass County, North Dakota (2018-2019)

Project Manager that led development of a Certificate of Site Compatibility to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for a 200-megawatt solar project. The Project was the first utility scale solar project in North Dakota. Ms. Anderson led the environmental analysis and provided expert witness testimony at the evidentiary hearing.

Nobles Repower Project, Minnesota (2020-present)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application Amendment to repower the existing 134-turbine, 200-megawatt wind project. Ms. Anderson is leading the environmental permitting strategy and application development and well as supporting public hearings.

Grand Meadow Repower Project, Minnesota (2020-present)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application Amendment to repower the existing 67-turbine, 100-megawatt wind project. Ms. Anderson is leading the environmental permitting strategy and application development and well as supporting public hearings.



Big Bend Wind and Red Rock Solar Projects, Minnesota (2019-present)

Project Manager leading permitting strategy and permit development for the first proposed hybrid wind and solar project in Minnesota. The project includes three applications to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission: a Site Permit Application for an up-to-314-megawatt large wind energy conversion system, a Site Permit Application for a 60-megawatt solar energy conversion facility, and a Route Permit Application for an 18-mile 161 kilovolt gen-tie transmission line.

Plum Creek Wind Farm, Cottonwood, Redwood, and Murray Counties, Minnesota (2018- present)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a 414-megawatt large wind energy conversion facility and Route Permit Application for approximately 35 miles of 345 kV transmission. The Project includes three turbine models under consideration and supporting environmental analyses for each, including noise, shadow flicker, wildlife, rare and unique natural resources, recreation, soils, geology, cultural resources, socioeconomics, land-based economies, and surface waters. Ms. Anderson is responsible for the applications and expert witness testimony.

Sherco Solar Project, Minnesota (2020-present)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and two 345 kV transmission lines for a 460-megawatt solar energy conversion facility. Ms. Anderson is responsible for the permit development, Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan, Vegetation Management Plan, and expert witness testimony.

Wild Springs Solar Project, Pennington County, South Dakota (2018-present)

Project Manager leading development of a 128-megawatt solar facility. Ms. Anderson is responsible for the Facility Permit to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and an Environmental Assessment for the project's interconnection to a Western Area Power Administration substation. Ms. Anderson is also providing expert witness testimony.

Crocker Wind Farm, Clark County, South Dakota (2016-2018)

Project Manager leading development of a Facility Permit to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for a 400-megawatt large wind energy conversion facility and associated 6.5-mile 345 kV transmission line. The Project included four turbine models under consideration and supporting environmental analyses for each, including noise, shadow flicker, wildlife, rare and unique natural resources, recreation, soils, geology, cultural resources, socioeconomics, land-based economies, and surface waters. Ms. Anderson also provided expert witness testimony at the evidentiary hearing in May 2018.

Ms. Anderson also managed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project that tiered off the Upper Great Plains Wind Energy Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to allow placement of proposed facilities on USFWS grassland easement lands. This Project was the first to utilize the PEIS to place wind project facilities on grassland easements. Brie led agency coordination with the USFWS, drafting of the EA, recording and responding to public comments, and finalizing the EA.



Blazing Star Wind Farm, Lincoln County, Minnesota (2016-present)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a 200-megawatt large wind energy conversion facility. The Project included four turbine models under consideration and supporting environmental analysis.

Blazing Star 2 Wind Farm, Lincoln County, Minnesota (2017-present)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a 200-megawatt large wind energy conversion facility and Route Permit Application for 7.5 miles of 115 kV transmission. The Project included four turbine models under consideration and supporting environmental analysis.

Elk Creek Solar Project, Rock County, Minnesota (2019-2020)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for an 80-megawatt solar energy conversion facility. Ms. Anderson was responsible for the permit development, Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan, and expert witness testimony.

Regal Solar Project, Benton County, Minnesota (2019-2021)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a 100-megawatt solar energy conversion facility. Ms. Anderson is responsible for the permit development, Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan, and expert witness testimony.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

M.S. Geographical Information Systems for Natural Resources, St. Mary's University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 2015

B.S., Ecology and Field Biology with an emphasis in Wildlife Biology, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Minor; St. Cloud State University, 2006, Magna Cum Laude