

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Otter Tail Power Company
Amend - Luverne Wind Upgrade
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-23-176

NOTICE OF FILING AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

On October 30, 2008, in Case No. PU-08-34, the Commission issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 9 to M-Power, LLC (M-Power) authorizing the construction of an up to 49.5 MW Luverne Wind Farm in Steele County, North Dakota.

On May 20, 2009, in Case No. PU-09-73, the Commission adopted an Order reissuing Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 9 to Otter Tail Power Company (OTP).

On May 8, 2023, in Case No. PU-23-176, OTP filed an application to amend Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 9 to repower the 33 existing 1.5 MW General Electric (GE) 82.5-meter rotor diameter blades, hubs, and gearboxes with upgraded 1.6 MW GE generator technology and 97-meter rotor diameter blades, hubs, and gearboxes.

The issues to be considered in this proceeding are:

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

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by July 14, 2023.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal 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.

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