

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Otter Tail Power Company
Ashtabula I Wind Upgrade Project – Barnes Cnty
Siting Application

Case No. PU-23-252

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Amy Haugen deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **4th day of August 2023**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Filing and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Mollie Smith
Attorney for Otter Tail Power Company
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Amy Haugen further deposes and says that on the **4th day of August 2023**, she sent an electronic message to **one** address, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

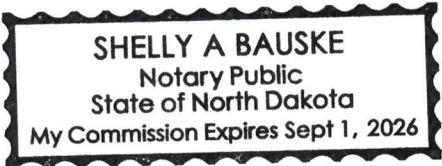
The electronic mail was addressed as follows:

Regulatory Filing Coordinators
Otter Tail Power Company
[Regulatory Filing Coordinators@otpc.com](mailto:Regulatory_Filing_Coordinators@otpc.com)

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **4th day of August 2023**.

Amy Heuiger



Shelly A Bauske
Notary Public

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On May 30, 2008, in Case No. PU-08-32, the Commission issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 7 to Ashtabula Wind, LLC authorizing the construction of an up to 200 MW Ashtabula Wind Energy Center in Barnes County, North Dakota.

On April 13, 2009, in Case No. PU-09-53, the Commission issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing First Amended Certificate Number 7 authorizing transfer of ownership of a 48 MW portion of the 200 MW Ashtabula Wind, LLC wind energy facility and authorized Otter Tail Corporation's (OTP) ownership of a 48 MW portion of the facility by issuing Certificate Number 10.

On June 28, 2023, in Case No. PU-23-252, OTP filed an application to amend Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 10. OTP proposed an amendment to repower the 32 existing 1.5 MW General Electric (GE) 77-meter rotor diameter blades, hubs and gearboxes with upgraded 1.6 MW GE 91-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 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?

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 September 15, 2023.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a formal hearing.

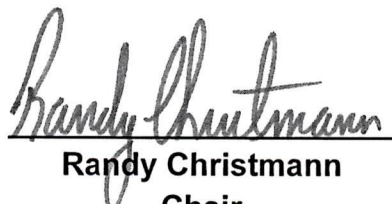
For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify the Commission.

Issued: August 2, 2023

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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