

Case Number: 25-278

Case Description: Partial Transfer of Site Certificate

Analyst Initials: RF

Original Dollar Value of Investment in ND	472,000,000.00
Application Investment Amount in ND	-
Total Investment	<u><u>472,000,000.00</u></u>

Note: Email from company or docketed case files must be attached as support for Total Investment Amount

		PSC Accounting use only:	
Siting Application Fee	10,000.00	7800 - 301 - 420260	JE: <u>2588308</u>
Siting Admin Fee*	50,000.00	1400 - 510 - 464160	JE: <u>2588308</u>
Total Fees Due	<u><u>60,000.00</u></u>		

Siting Admin Fee:

- * For new or transfer siting applications only. Not amendments.
- *Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, \$200 for each \$1 million of original investment, not to exceed \$50,000

Siting Application Fee:

- Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For a certificate of site compatibility, \$500 for each \$1 M of investment in the facility. Not less than \$10k or more than \$100k.
- Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For a certificate of corridor compatibility, \$5,000 for each \$1 M of investment in the facility. Not less than \$10k or more than \$100k.
- Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For an amendment, amount to be determined by commission to cover expenses, discuss with PUD Director.
- Excess Application Fee is refundable.

This form will be docketed in the case file after funds have been deposited by PSC Accounting. 

1.2.6. Expansion or Addition

Badger Wind does not propose any additions or expansions to the current Project Area at this time. Should Badger Wind develop adjacent areas in the future, all necessary permits and approvals would be obtained to allow such an expansion.

1.2.7. Project Ownership

The Project will be developed, constructed, owned, and operated by Badger Wind.

1.2.8. Project Cost

The estimated total cost to construct the Project is approximately USD 472M.

2. NEED FOR FACILITY

Badger Wind has identified a shortlist of interested off-takers for the Project's output. As an independent power producer, Badger Wind is able to bid into a variety of markets and contractual structures. The updates to the original Project footprint and layout significantly strengthen the underlying project fundamentals by increasing the Project's net capacity factor, thereby strengthening Badger Wind's market position. The need for the Project was described in Section 2 of Badger Wind's 2022 CSC Application and remains accurate and applicable to the updated Project. Therefore, please refer to Section 2 of the 2022 CSC Application.

Pursuant to NDCC Section 49-22-04 and North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Chapter 69-06-02, Badger Wind submitted a Ten-Year Plan for years 2024–2034 in February 2024. Badger Wind's Ten-Year Plan, included as **Appendix B: Badger Wind, LLC's, Ten-Year Plan**, is consistent with the contents of this Application.

3. SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

Badger Wind selected the Project Area based on a number of factors, including the excellent wind resource, support from landowners, regional demand for renewable energy, and compatibility with existing land uses and resources. In addition, site selection for the Project was based on the criteria outlined in NDAC Chapter 69-06-08. These criteria are discussed further below.

3.1. Compliance with Exclusion Areas

Per NDAC Sections 69-06-08-01(1) and (2), the geographical areas listed in **Table 3-1: Summary of Exclusion Areas** below shall be excluded in the consideration of a site for an energy conversion facility and a wind energy conversion facility. **Table 3-1: Summary of Exclusion Areas** summarizes these exclusion areas and their presence or absence in the Project Area, notes the information discussed in the 2022 CSC Application filings and the PSC Order granting a CSC for each criterion, and provides any updates to the information for the current Project. The current Project complies



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VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Steven Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Badger Wind, LLC/Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Joint Application for Partial Transfer of Certificate of Site Compatibility
Case No. PU-25-___**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Badger Wind, LLC and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. submitted under separate cover a Joint Application for Partial Transfer of Certificate of Site Compatibility. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$60,000 for the filing and administrative fees for that application.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

MOLLIE M. SMITH

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Enclosures

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