

**TEN YEAR PLAN: 2026-2036**

**Badger Wind, LLC**

**June 2026**

In accordance with N.D.C.C. § 49-22-04 and N.D.A.C. Ch. 69-06-02, Badger Wind, LLC (“Badger Wind”), submits the following Ten Year Plan for years 2026 through 2036.

*(1) A description of the general location, size, and type of all facilities to be owned or operated by the utility during the ensuing ten years, as well as those facilities to be removed from service during the ten-year period.*

Badger Wind is a Delaware limited liability company, authorized to do business in the State of North Dakota. Badger Wind is operating a wind energy conversion facility known as the Badger Wind Project (the “Project”) located in western Logan and McIntosh counties, North Dakota. Badger Wind has a 51 percent ownership interest in the Project, with Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (“MDU”) holding the remaining 49 percent ownership interest in the Project.

On May 11, 2022, Logan County issued a Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) for the Project. On November 30, 2022, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order (“Order”) granting Certificate of Site Compatibility (“CSC”) No. 64 to Badger Wind for the Project (see Case No. PU-22-086). Since then, Badger Wind made updates to the Project, which included expanding the Project boundary and design modifications. Badger Wind submitted a new CUP application to Logan County in December 2023, which was granted on February 23, 2024. An Application for an Amended CSC was filed on February 23, 2024 and the Commission issued an additional Order granting the Amended CSC No. 64 (see Case No. PU-24-087) on September 11, 2024. The Project has a nameplate capacity of up to 262.26 megawatts (“MW”), with up to 250 MW delivered to the grid. The Project achieved its commercial operations date (“COD”) on January 21, 2026

The Project interconnects to the grid via a short (less than one mile in length) 230 kilovolt (“kV”) generation interconnection tie line extending from the Project’s collector substation to the point of interconnection, the Midwest Independent System Operator (“MISO”) system at MDU’s existing Wishek Junction 230 kV substation located in McIntosh County, North Dakota. The generation interconnection line is approximately 0.5 mile long and, therefore, is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission as a “transmission facility.”

Other than the Project, Badger Wind does not have any transmission or generation facilities located in North Dakota. The Project will have an estimated life of greater than 10 years. As such, Badger Wind does not have any plans to decommission any transmission or generation facilities within the timeframe of this plan

*(2) An identification of the location of the tentative preferred site for all energy conversion facilities and the tentative location of all transmission facilities on which construction is intended to be commenced within the ensuing five years and such other information as may be required by the commission. The site and corridor identification shall be made in compliance with the criteria published by the commission pursuant to section 49-22-05.1.*

As noted above, the Project is located in McIntosh and Logan counties, North Dakota, approximately two miles from Wishek, North Dakota.

As set forth in the Commission's Orders (referenced above), the location of the Project complies with the Commission's siting criteria, including the exclusion and avoidance area criteria referenced in N.D.C.C. § 49-22-05.1 and identified in N.D.A.C. Section 69-06-08-01. Maps of the Project's site, and additional detail regarding the site, are provided in Case No. PU-24-087.

*(3) A description of the efforts by the utility to coordinate the plan with other utilities to provide a coordinated regional plan for meeting the utility needs of the region.*

Badger Wind has offtake agreements with Abbott Laboratories (80 MW), MDU (27.5 MW), and Rivian Automotive (20 MW) for the Project's output. In addition to being an offtaker, MDU is an equity partner in the Project with a 49 percent ownership share. Additionally, Badger Wind has executed a Generation Interconnection Agreement with MISO for the interconnection of the Project at MDU's Wishek Junction substation located in McIntosh County, North Dakota.

*(4) A description of the efforts to involve environmental protection and land-use planning agencies in the planning process, as well as other efforts to identify and minimize environmental problems at the earliest possible stage in the planning process.*

Badger Wind has designed a Project that optimizes the wind resource, minimizes the impact on land resources and potentially sensitive areas and follows the energy conversion facility siting criteria and transmission facility corridor and route criteria outlined in N.D.A.C. Ch. 69-06-08. Badger Wind employed qualified environmental consulting firms to study and identify avoidance and exclusion areas within the Project site, in accordance with N.D.C.C. Ch. 49-22 and N.D.A.C. Section 69-06-08-01. As discussed above, Logan County issued a new CUP for the Project on February 23, 2024, and the Commission issued Amended CSC No. 64 for the Project on September 11, 2024 (see PU-24-087). Throughout Project development, Badger Wind has consulted with applicable local, state, and federal agencies and entities, and will continue to do so, as appropriate.

Additional information regarding Badger Wind's agency and entity contacts, and efforts to identify and minimize any potential environmental issues, is provided in Case Nos. PU-22-086 and PU-24-087.

*(5) A statement of the projected demand for the service rendered by the utility for the ensuing ten years and the underlying assumptions for the projection, with that information being as geographically specific as possible, and a description of the manner and extent to which the utility will meet the projected demands.*

As noted above, Badger Wind has entered into offtake agreements for its portion of the Project's output, and MDU has a 49 percent ownership in the Project. Thus, Project is helping satisfy local, regional, and national renewable energy demands.