

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Request for Approval of
Transfer of the Site Permit for the Jeffers Wind
Energy Center to Jeffers Wind 20, LLC

ISSUE DATE: February 2, 2012

DOCKET NO. E6465/WS-05-1220

ORDER REQUIRING ADDITIONAL
FILINGS

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On February 7, 2011, Summit Wind, LLC filed a request to transfer its Site Permit for the Jeffers Wind Energy Facility (the Site Permit) to Jeffers Wind 20, LLC.

On January 13, 2012, the Minnesota Department of Commerce (the Department) filed comments on the request, recommending approval.

On January 26, 2012, the Commission considered the request.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Summit Wind, LLC seeks Commission approval under Minn. R. 7854.1400 to transfer the Site Permit to Jeffers Wind 20, LLC. The Rule provides that “[t]he [C]ommission shall approve the transfer if the commission determines that the new permittee will comply with the conditions of the permit.”

The Commission concludes that the record is inadequate to warrant approval of the transfer at this time. The Commission will therefore require Jeffers Wind 20 to supplement the record in support of the transfer before making a final determination on the transfer request.

ORDER

1. Jeffers Wind 20 shall identify, within 10 days by eFiling, a representative who will be responsible for compliance reporting, including, but not limited to, the collecting and transmitting of complaints to the Commission.

2. The representative identified by Jeffers Wind 20 shall meet (directly or via teleconference) with Energy Facilities Permitting staff to review compliance reporting requirements of the permit, as amended to reflect:
 - a. The Commission's electronic docketing system (eDockets).
 - b. Current Large Wind Energy Conversion System reporting requirements for project energy production and wind resource use.
3. Jeffers Wind 20 shall submit to the Commission, within 60 days, the as-built plans and specifications for the Jeffers Wind Energy Center.
4. Jeffers Wind 20 shall submit to the Commission an informational filing, within 30 days, summarizing the construction and operational activities at the Jeffers Wind Energy Center since permit issuance in September 2005. This summary shall include, but not be limited to, milestones and challenges encountered in constructing and operating the project; surveys, plans, and studies conducted; and complaints received and addressed.
5. Jeffers Wind 20 shall confirm that it intends to comply with the Department's proposed amended site permit.
6. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary



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