



Notice of Public Information Meeting

November 21, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

Lake Wilson American Legion Hall

On

Site Permit Application and Draft Site Permit

For the

Ridgewind Power Plant

In

Pipestone and Murray Counties

MPUC Docket No. IP 6603/WS-06-1327

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public information meeting will be held on the application by Ridgewind Power Partners, LLC, to build up to a 27-megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system (LWECS). The public meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 21, 2006, at the Lake Wilson American Legion Hall, 133 Broadway Avenue, Lake Wilson, Minnesota.

Staff of the Department of Commerce (DOC) will conduct the meeting and provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the proposed draft site permit for the Ridgewind Power Plant. Please note that the authority for wind permits was transferred to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission from the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board on July 1, 2005, and responsibility for conducting the public review process was assigned to the DOC. Representatives of the applicant (Ridgewind Power Partners, LLC) will be at the meeting to describe the proposed project and answer questions.

Project Description

The Ridgewind Power Plant (Project) is a Large Wind Energy Conversion System of approximately 27 MW. The turbines will be either the GE 1.5-MW or similar wind turbine mounted on freestanding tubular steel towers. The towers will be up to 100 meters (328 feet) in

height. The blades on the wind turbines will be up to 45 meters (148 feet) long, resulting in a maximum overall height of 145 meters (476 feet) when one blade is in the vertical position. The rotor diameter will be up to a maximum of 90 meters (296 feet).

The electrical system will consist of 34.5 kV collection lines and facilities providing step-up transformation and 34.5 kW feeder line(s) to deliver power to the Chanarambie Substation. Other project associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers and access roads.

Proposed Site Location

As shown on the accompanying map, the proposed project site is located in both Pipestone and Murray counties. In Pipestone County, the turbines will be placed in the township of Burke (Section 1) and in Murray County, the turbines will be located in Cameron Township in the following sections (east half of 20, west half of 28, 29 and the west half of 33). The total wind plant project site and land easements cover approximately 2,240 acres (3.5 square miles). The total development consists of approximately 60 acres of land that will be taken out of agricultural production for turbines and access roads.

MPUC Site Permit Review Process

Ridgewind Power Partners, LLC, filed a site permit application with the Public Utilities Commission for the 27-MW LWECs project on October 8, 2006, and it was considered for acceptance by the Commission on November 2, 2006. The DOC is now reviewing the Ridgewind Power Partners, LLC, site permit application under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes, sections 116C.691 - 116C.697) and the Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4401). Upon completion of the review requirements, the DOC will present the record of this matter to the PUC for a final decision.

Public Comments

The site permit application, Draft Site Permit and the agency rules guiding the review process are available on the MPUC website at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=18865>

Interested persons may comment on the site permit application and Draft Site Permit at the public meeting or may submit written or fax (651-297-1959) comments by 4:30 p.m. on **December 20, 2006. Please include the following docket number (IP 6603/WS-06-1327).** Written or fax comments should be directed to: Sharon Ferguson, Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198.

DOC Project Contacts

Questions about the project and the PUC permitting process may be directed to: Larry B. Hartman, Department of Commerce, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101-2198; Tel: 651-296-5089; Fax: 651-297-7891; e-mail: larry.hartman@state.mn.us. Adam Sokolski, with the DOC staff, has been appointed as the public advisor to assist and advise citizens on how to

participate in the site permit process. He can be contacted at: Tel: 651-296-2096; (800-657-3794); or e-mail: adam.sokolski@state.mn.us and the mailing address above.

Questions about the Ridgewind Power Partners, LLC, Site Permit Application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Paul White at 612-331-1486 or paul@projectresources.net

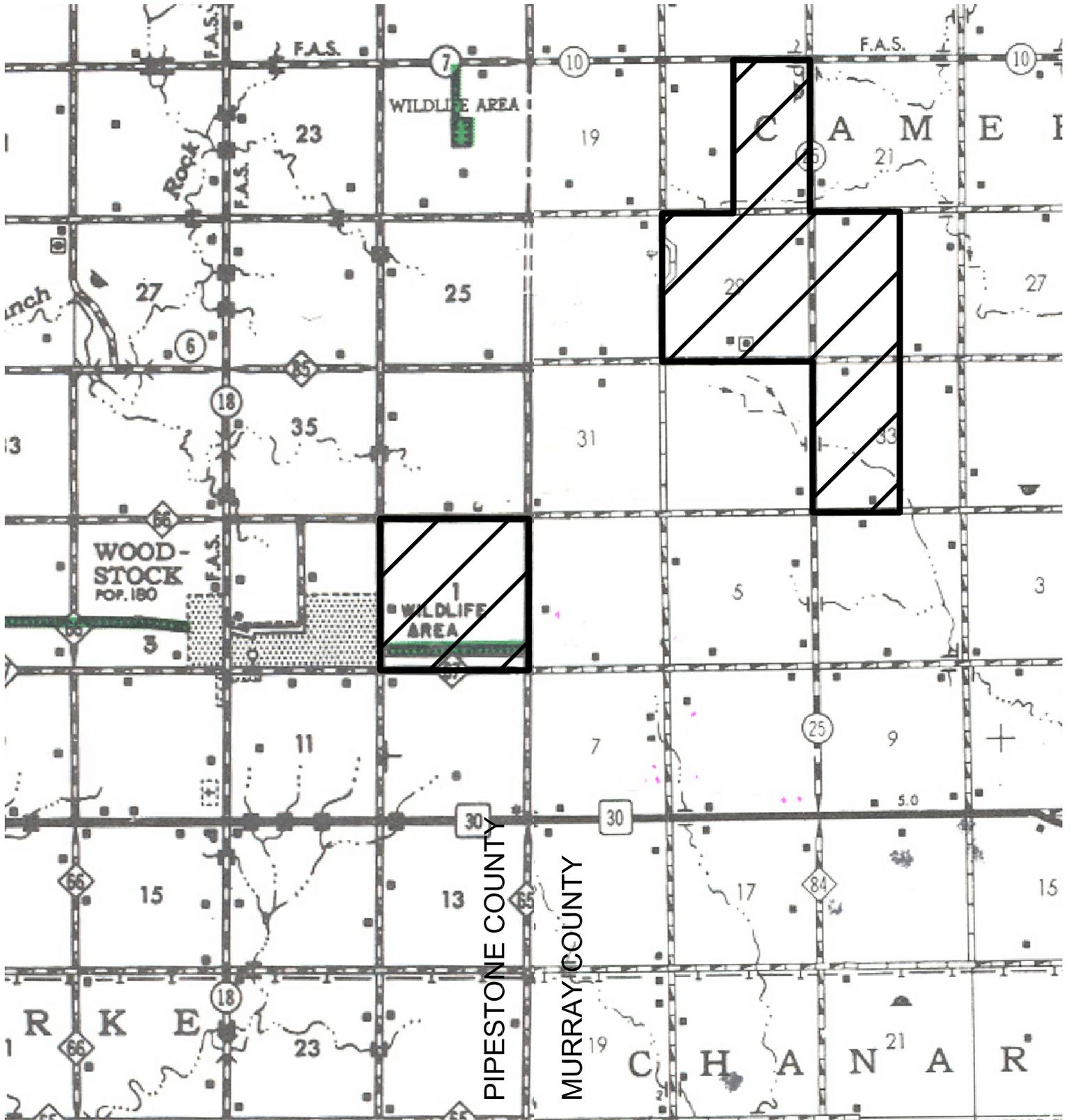
Hearing Request

Any person may request a contested case hearing in this matter. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Sharon Ferguson (address above) in writing by 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 20, 2006**. The person requesting the public hearing must list the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reasons why a hearing is required to resolve those issues. The PUC shall order a contested case hearing if it finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the hearing will aid the PUC in making a final decision on the site permit application and draft site permit.

Project Background Information

Copies of the Ridgewind Power Plant site permit application and proposed draft site permit have been distributed to affected landowners, and township, county and state officials. Copies of the application and Draft Site Permit are available for review at the Auditor's Offices in Pipestone and Murray counties, and the city offices in Lake Wilson and Woodstock. All project documents are available on the PUC Web site at:

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