



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Office of Energy Security



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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE  
AND  
REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**In the Matter of a Site Permit Application for the 60 MW  
Lakeswind Wind Power Plant in  
Becker, Clay and Ottertail Counties**

**PUC Docket: IP6603/WS-08-1449**

**DRAFT SITE PERMIT AVAILABLE  
For the Proposed Lakeswind Wind Power Plant**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that Project Resources Corporation (PRC) on behalf of Lakeswind Wind Power Partners, LLC, has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a site permit to build and operate up to a 60 Megawatt (MW) large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) in Becker, Clay and Ottertail Counties in northwestern Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC), Office of Energy Security (OES), on behalf of the Commission, will hold a public information meeting at the location and time listed below:

**April 29, 2009\***  
**5:30 p.m. Open House**  
**6:30 p.m. Public Information Meeting**  
**Galaxie Supper Club**  
**20063 Highway 34 Barnesville, MN 56514**

\* The original public meeting data of March 31, 2009 was rescheduled due to weather conditions.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information to the public about the proposed project and to take public comment and input on the site permit application and the draft site permit issued by the PUC. OES staff will provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the proposed draft site permit for the Lakeswind Wind Power Plant.

The public information meeting and a comment period will provide the public an opportunity to ask questions about and make comments on the Project, the process and the draft site permit. Representatives of the OES and the Applicant will be at the meeting to describe the proposed Project and answer questions.

Prior to the public information meeting, the Applicant will host an open house beginning at 5:30 p.m.

## **Project Description**

The Applicant is considering different models of wind turbine generators for the Project. Depending upon the turbine model selected, the Applicant proposes to install 17 to 35 wind turbine generators and anticipates an in-service date of no later than December 2010. The proposed turbines would use 80 meter (263 feet) tubular towers measured at the hub height. Depending upon the model selected, the rotor diameter of the turbines would be 252 to 331 feet with a maximum overall height of approximately 393 to 429 feet above grade when one blade is in the vertical position.

Energy from the Project will be delivered directly to the Great River Energy Tamarac Substation on the corner of State Highway 34 and 183<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Ottertail County. Other associated facilities will include pad mounted step-up transformers and turbine access roads.

The original site comprises approximately 19,000 acres in Clay, Otter Tail and Becker counties. The amended site permit boundary increases the site size by approximately 2,500 acres. See accompanying map for amended site boundaries. The Applicants anticipate that approximately 19 acres of land would be permanently removed from agricultural production for turbine sites and access roads.

## **PUC Site Permit Review Process**

Lakeswind Wind Power Partners, LLC, a Minnesota based company, submitted a site permit application for the Project on January 20, 2009. On February 12, 2009, the PUC accepted the application as complete, made a preliminary determination that a permit may be issued and issued a draft site permit. The application and draft site permit are available from the website and contacts listed below. Landowners and governments within the Project boundary will receive a copy of the application, public notice and draft site permit directly from Lakeswind Wind Power Partners, LLC.

The OES is now initiating the public participation process under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F) and the Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules Chapter 7836). Upon completion of the public participation process, the OES will present the record of this matter to the PUC for a final permit decision.

## **Eminent Domain**

The Applicant does not have the power eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights for the large wind energy conversion system. Wind and land rights necessary to build the facility must be in the form of voluntary easements or lease agreements between landowners and the Applicant.

## **Public Comments**

Interested persons may comment on the application and draft site permit at the public meeting or may submit written comments until **4:30 p.m. on May 20, 2009**. Written comments can be sent by mail, fax or by email. Please include the project docket number (**IP6603/WS-08-1449**) on written comments. All comments should be directed to Larry Hartman (see below). Comments may also be submitted on the PUC's energy facility permitting website: <http://www.energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us>.

## **Contested Case Hearing Request**

Any person may request a contested case hearing in this matter (Minnesota Rule 7836.0900). All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Mr. Hartman in writing by **4:30 p.m. on May 20, 2009**. The person requesting the contested case hearing must list the issues to be addressed in the hearing and the reason why a contested case 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 Contacts and Information**

Questions, comments and requests to add your name on the mailing list for the Project may be directed to:

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Office of Energy Security Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place  
East, Suite 500  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Questions about the Project and site permit application can also be directed to the Applicant by contacting Mr. Matthias Weigel, Tel (612) 331-1486, x302; [matthias@projectresources.net](mailto:matthias@projectresources.net)

The site permit application, draft site permit and the agency rules guiding the review process are available on the PUC website at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19892>

You may register on this same website to be added to the mailing list associated with this Project and to receive future notices by U.S. Mail.

# Amended Site Permit Map

