



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE
AND
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

In the Matter of the Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC, Application for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the Morgan Wind Project in Brown and Redwood Counties

LWECS Site Permit Application
PUC Docket Numbers: IP6723/WS-09-360

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Office of Energy Security Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) staff will hold a public information on the application by Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC, to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a Site Permit for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) of approximately 31.5 megawatts (MW) to be located in Brown and Redwood counties (Project).

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
at
AgQuest
711 Front Street
Morgan, MN

Preceded by an open house from 5:00 to 6:00 pm hosted by the Applicant

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information about the proposed Project and to take public comment and input on the Morgan Wind Acquisition Group site permit application and the draft site permit issued by the Commission. EFP staff will provide an overview of the state's wind energy site permitting process and the draft site permit. Representatives of Morgan Wind Acquisition Group will be present to answer questions about the Project.

Prior to the public information meeting, the Applicant will host an open house beginning at 5:00 at the same location.

Project Description

The Project will consist of up to 21 individual turbines, about 80 meters high (262 feet), each generating approximately 1.5 megawatts (MW) of electricity. The turbine size and manufacturer have not yet been selected. A map showing the project boundary is attached. The Project also requires a number of associated facilities including access roads, a permanent meteorological tower, an underground electrical collection system, a project substation, and a connection to the electric transmission system. The Project may also include an Operations and Maintenance building. The Applicant anticipates that the Project will ultimately require between 10 and 15 acres for all the facilities. The Applicant expects to begin construction on the Project in late 2009 or early 2010 and to place it in operation in late 2010.

Project Review Process

Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC, filed an LWECS Site Permit Application with the Commission on May 22, 2009. The Commission accepted this application on June 29, 2009, and approved the issuance of a draft Site Permit on August 4, 2009. The application and draft site permit are available from the web site and contacts listed below. Landowners and governments within the site boundary have received an application directly from the Applicant.

The EFP staff is responsible for the public participation process for the Site Permit Application, and 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 EFP staff will present the record of this matter to the Commission for a final permit decision.

Public Comments

Interested persons may comment orally at the public meeting on the application and the draft site permit and on the Project generally. In addition, written comments may also be submitted to the Office of Energy Security by the close of business (**4:30 p.m.**) **on September 29, 2009**. Written comments may be submitted by mail, fax, email, or directly on line at the PUC website maintained for this project (see below). Please include the project docket number (**IP6723/WS-09-360**) on all written comments. All comments should be directed to Suzanne Steinhauer at the address below.

Contested Case Hearing Request

Any person may request a more formal contested case hearing on the site permit proceeding for the LWECS pursuant to Minnesota Rules part 7836.0900. All contested case hearing requests must be filed with Ms. Steinhauer in writing by 4:30 p.m. on September 29, 2009. The person requesting the contested case hearing must list the issues sought to be addressed in the hearing and the reason why a contested case hearing is required to resolve those issues. The Commission shall order a contested case hearing if it finds that a material issue of fact has been raised and that the holding of the contested case hearing will aid it in making a final decision on whether to authorize construction of the Project. Upon completion of the public participation and hearing process, the record created will be presented to the Commission for final decisions on the Applications.

Eminent Domain for Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC

Morgan Wind Acquisition Group, LLC, does not have the power of eminent domain to acquire the land or wind rights for the Project. Wind and land rights necessary to build the facility must be in the form of voluntary easements or lease agreements between individual landowners and the Applicant.

Project Contacts and Information

For more information about the process, the Project or to place your name on the Project mailing list, contact the persons listed below. Other contact information: Toll-Free Tel: 1-800-657-3794, Fax: 651-297-7891 or TTY: Minnesota Relay Service, 800-627-3529, and ask for the DOC.

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The site permit application, draft site permit, and links to other OES guidance documents and agency rules guiding the review process are available on the PUC Energy Facilities Permitting Project website at:

<http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=20057>

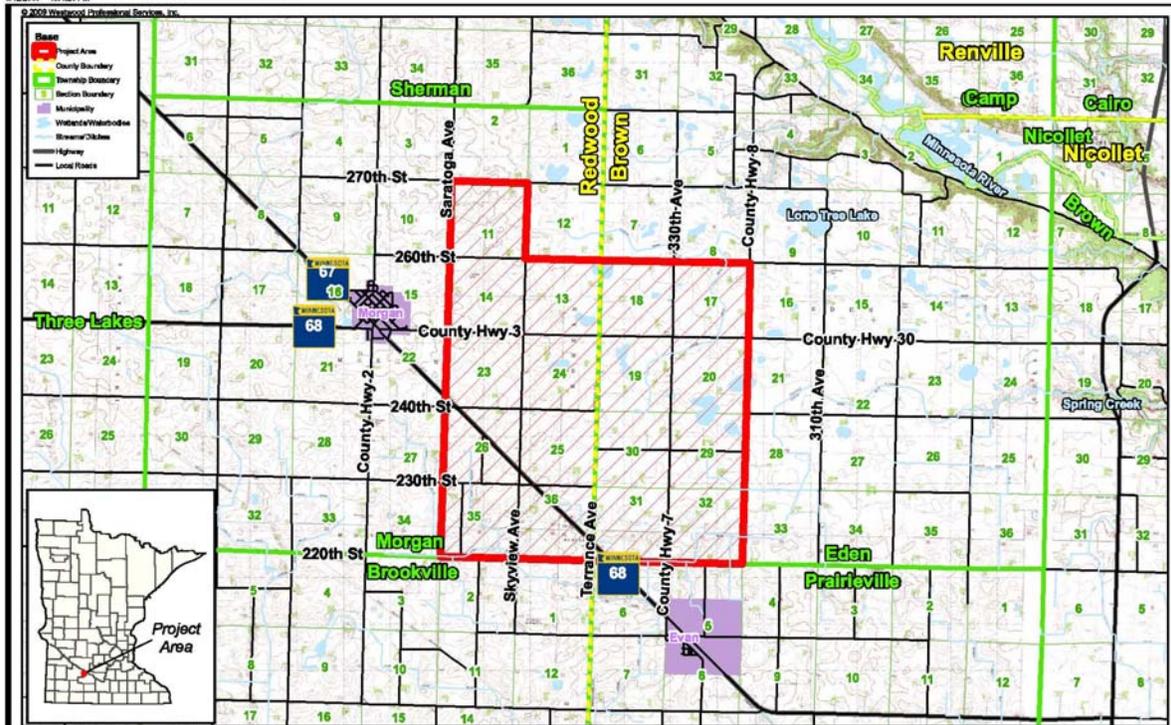
or on eDockets by entering “09” and “360” at:

<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp>

The site permit application and draft site permit are also available for review at the Morgan Public Library. Landowners and governments inside the LWECs Project boundary have been mailed a copy of the Site Permit Application directly from the Applicant.

Persons interested in adding their names to the project mailing list should contact the OES project manager or public advisor, or register online at the above PUC site.

Questions about the Project and site permit application can also be directed to Morgan Wind Acquisition Group by contacting Marilyn Soltis at (612) 332-0607, Ext.107, or marilyn@mwind.com.



Data Sources: USGS, USGS DEMO Mosaic (2005), MAINE REAS (1985), MNDOT Roadmap (2004), USFWS NWT (1991), USGS NED Water Features, BIRL Political Boundaries (2004), Westwood (2009)

Morgan Wind Project

Brown and Redwood Counties, Minnesota

Project Location

EXHIBIT A-2

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