

*Appendix A:  
List of Landowners*

**Proposed Project Location  
Landowners**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Parcel ID</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Township</b>	<b>Range</b>
William LaBonne	21.0199.010	23	101N	11W
James Vagts	21.0199.000	23	101N	11W
James Vagts	21.0202.000	24	101N	11W
Roger Ryan	21.0203.000	24	101N	11W
Todd Vagts	21.0201.000	24	101N	11W
Todd Vagts	14.0126.000	19	101N	10W
Evan O'Connor	14.0123.010	18	101N	10W
Saralee Fassbender	14.0123.000	18	101N	10W
Steven Scrabeck	14.0118.000	18	101N	10W
K & K Limited	14.0119.000	18	101N	10W
K & K Limited	14.0114.000	17	101N	10W
Robert Vagts Jr	14.0116.000	17	101N	10W
Torgerson Paint & Floor	14.0117.010	17	101N	10W
Torgerson Paint & Floor	14.0103.010	16	101N	10W
Wallace Brunsvold	14.0099.000	16	101N	10W
Robert Vagts Jr	14.0144.000	21	101N	10W
Robert Vagts Jr	14.0144.000	21	101N	10W
Rick Morem	14.0142.000	21	101N	10W
Robin Lange	14.0140.000	21	101N	10W
Harvey Benson	14.0147.000	21	101N	10W
Harvey Benson	14.0150.000	22	101N	10W
Phillip Benson	14.0149.000	22	101N	10W
Phillip Benson	14.0148.010	22	101N	10W
Robert Michel	14.0176.000	26	101N	10W
Jim Todd	14.0157.000	23	101N	10W
Jim Todd	14.0156.000	23	101N	10W

*Appendix B:  
Contact Letters*



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Harmony, MN 55939  
Phone : 507-886-6570  
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May 11, 2009

Mr. Charles O'Connor  
Bristol Township Chair  
13389 Co Rd 9  
Harmony, MN 55939

RE: Notice to Local Governmental Units  
Overhead Transmission Line  
EcoHarmony West Wind Farm

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

EcoEnergy Wind, LLC is currently developing the EcoHarmony West Wind Farm in Fillmore County. The project boundary includes lands in Bristol Township.

This letter serves to document that Mr. Don Miller of EcoEnergy Wind, LLC attended a Bristol Township Board meeting on February 9, 2009 to discuss the proposed project with the township board. The meeting included discussion of an overhead transmission line route that would pass through part of Bristol Township. EcoEnergy expressed their availability to meet with the township regarding the project of the overhead transmission line at any time.

Please call me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Miller".

Don Miller  
Project Manager

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May 11, 2009

Mr. John Grindeland  
Fillmore County Engineer  
909 Houston Street, PO Box 495  
Preston, MN 55965

RE: Notice to Local Governmental Units  
Overhead Transmission Line  
EcoHarmony West Wind Farm

Dear Mr. Grindeland;

EcoEnergy Wind, LLC is currently developing the EcoHarmony West Wind Farm in Fillmore County. This letter serves to document that Mr. Don Miller of EcoEnergy Wind, LLC met with you on January 8, 2009 in the office of the Mower County Engineer to discuss the subject project. This meeting included discussion of an overhead transmission line route within the project boundary. In addition, Mr. Miller expressed the availability of EcoEnergy to meet to further discuss the project or the overhead transmission line at any time.

Please call me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Miller".

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May 11, 2009

Mr. Chris Graves  
Fillmore County Zoning Administrator  
Courthouse, 101 Fillmore Street  
Preston, MN 55965

RE: Notice to Local Governmental Units  
Overhead Transmission Line  
EcoHarmony West Wind Farm

Dear Mr. Graves:

EcoEnergy Wind, LLC is currently developing the EcoHarmony West Wind Farm in Fillmore County. This letter serves to document that Mr. Don Miller of EcoEnergy Wind, LLC met with you on March 27, 2009 to discuss the subject project. This meeting included discussion of an overhead transmission route within the project boundary. In addition, Mr. Miller expressed the availability of EcoEnergy to meet to further discuss the project or the overhead transmission line at any time.

Please call me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Miller".

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May 11, 2009

Mr. Rodney Koliha  
Harmony Township Chair  
33011 State Line Road  
Harmony, MN 55939

RE: Notice to Local Governmental Units  
Overhead Transmission Line  
EcoHarmony West Wind Farm

Dear Mr. Koliha:

EcoEnergy Wind, LLC is currently developing the EcoHarmony West Wind Farm in Fillmore County. The project boundary includes lands in Harmony Township.

This letter serves to document that Mr. Don Miller of EcoEnergy Wind, LLC attended a Harmony Township Board meeting on January 7, 2009 to discuss the proposed project with the township board. The meeting included discussion of an overhead transmission line route that would pass through part of Harmony Township. EcoEnergy expressed their availability to meet with the township regarding the project of the overhead transmission line at any time.

Please call me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Miller".

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***Appendix C:  
Notification Letter to Public Utilities Commission***

May 29, 2009

Dr. Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Notification of Pending Route Permit Application Under Alternative Permitting Process for the Proposed 161 kV EcoHarmony West Wind Transmission Line and Associated Facilities  
PUC Docket No. IP6688/TL-09-601

Dear Mr. Haar;

EcoEnergy Wind, LLC, has pending before the Public Utilities Commission a Certificate of Need application and a Site Permit application for a 200 MW wind project in Fillmore County, Minnesota, known as the EcoHarmony West Wind Project. As we identified in the applications, part of the EcoHarmony West Wind Project involves construction of a 161 kilovolt transmission line approximately eight miles long. The PUC Docket Numbers for the CON and the Site Permit are CN-08-961 and WS-08-973, respectively.

Since the 161 kV EcoHarmony West Wind Transmission Line is a high voltage transmission line between 100 and 200 kilovolts, the Transmission Line and associated facilities (i.e., the proposed Project Substation and Switching Station) are eligible for the alternative permitting process pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Part 7849.5500, Subpart 1.C. As required by Minnesota Rules, Part 7849.5500, Subpart 2, EcoEnergy Wind, LLC is hereby notifying the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of its intent to submit a route permit application for the above-mentioned project under the alternative permitting provisions provided for in Minnesota Rules, Parts 7849.5500 to 7849.5720.

EcoEnergy Wind, LLC anticipates filing the route permit application sometime in June, 2009.

Please contact me via email ([amitchell@Fredlaw.com](mailto:amitchell@Fredlaw.com)) or by phone at 612-492-7371 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Alan Mitchell*  
*Kao*

Alan Mitchell

Cc: Don Miller, EcoEnergy Wind, LLC  
Matt Langan, Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security

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*Appendix D:*  
*Agency Correspondence*



# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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500 Lafayette Road

St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4025

Phone: (651) 259-5109 Fax: (651) 296-1811 E-mail: [lisa.joyal@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:lisa.joyal@dnr.state.mn.us)

August 12, 2008

Mr. Don Miller  
EcoEnergy Wind, LLC  
725 Main Avenue North, PO Box 95  
Harmony, MN 55974

Re: Request for Natural Heritage information in the vicinity of the proposed EcoHarmony West Wind, Fillmore County  
Correspondence # : ERDB 20080269-0002

Township (N)	Range (W)	Section(s)
101	11	1-36
102	11	19-22, 26-36
102	12	24, 25, 35, 36
102	10	30, 31
101	10	1-36
101	12	1, 2, 11-14, 23-26, 36

Dear Mr. Miller,

As requested, the Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System has been queried to determine if any rare species or other significant natural features are known to occur within an approximate one-mile radius of the proposed project. Based on this query, several rare features have been documented within the search area (for details, see the enclosed database reports). Please address the following issues in the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Site Permit Application for this project.

- The Minnesota County Biological Survey (MCBS) has identified several Sites of Biodiversity Significance in the vicinity of the project boundary. Sites of Biodiversity Significance have varying levels of native biodiversity and are ranked based on the relative significance of this biodiversity at a statewide level. Factors taken into account during the ranking process include the number of rare species documented within the site, the quality of the native plant communities in the site, the size of the site, and the context of the site within the landscape. These particular sites contain karst features such as springs, sinkholes, underground streams, and caves. And, they contain several rare species including threatened and endangered landsnails associated with algific talus and madarate cliff native plant communities; timber rattlesnakes (*Crotalus horridus*), a state-listed threatened species; and many threatened and endangered plant species. To protect these rare features, the project should be designed to avoid direct and indirect impacts to these ecologically significant sites.

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park is located just outside the project boundary within an Outstanding Site of Biodiversity Significance. Along with the rare features listed above, at least 175 species of birds have been recorded in the park including several important neotropical migrants. Given the wind project's proximity to this ecologically significant site and the potential for wind turbines to cause avian mortality, we encourage pre- and post-construction avian monitoring. Any cumulative impact assessment should also address the issue of avian mortality.

If you have not already done so, please contact the Park Manager, Mark White at (507) 352-5111, regarding any information or concerns that he may have about the project as it relates to the State Park.

GIS shapefiles of MCBS Sites of Biodiversity Significance, MCBS Native Plant Communities, and State Park Statutory Boundaries can be downloaded from the DNR Data Deli at <http://deli.dnr.state.mn.us/>.

- Some of the streams within the project boundary flow into the Upper Iowa River where several rare mussel species have been documented. Because they are declining nationwide, freshwater mussels are considered one of North America's most imperiled groups of animals. In Minnesota, 25 of our 48 native mussel species are listed as either endangered, threatened, or of special concern. The primary reason behind the decline is the degradation of our lakes and rivers due to runoff and physical changes such as damming, channelization, and dredging. Mussels are particularly vulnerable to deterioration in water quality, especially increased siltation. As such, sound erosion and sediment control practices should be implemented and maintained throughout the duration of the project.

The Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS), a collection of databases that contains information about Minnesota's rare natural features, is maintained by the Division of Ecological Resources, Department of Natural Resources. The NHIS is continually updated as new information becomes available, and is the most complete source of data on Minnesota's rare or otherwise significant species, native plant communities, and other natural features. However, the NHIS is not an exhaustive inventory and thus does not represent all of the occurrences of rare features within the state. Therefore, ecologically significant features for which we have no records may exist within the project area.

The enclosed results include an Index Report and a Detailed Report of records in the Rare Features Database, the main database of the NHIS. To control the release of specific location information, which might result in the destruction of a rare feature, both reports are copyrighted.

The Index Report provides rare feature locations only to the nearest section, and may be reprinted, unaltered, in an environmental review document (e.g., EAW or EIS), municipal natural resource plan, or report compiled by your company for the project listed above. If you wish to reproduce the index report for any other purpose, please contact me to request written permission. **The Detailed Report may include specific location information, and is for your personal use only. If you wish to reprint or publish the detailed report for any purpose, please contact me to request written permission.**

Please be aware that this letter focuses only on potential effects to *rare natural features*; there may be other natural resource concerns associated with the proposed project. This letter does not constitute review or approval by the Department of Natural Resources as a whole. If you would like further information on the environmental review process, please contact your Regional Environmental Assessment Ecologist, Wayne Barstad, at 651-259-5738.

An invoice in the amount of \$207.77 will be mailed to you under separate cover within two weeks of the date of this letter. You are being billed for the database search and printouts, and staff scientist review. Thank you for consulting us on this matter, and for your interest in preserving Minnesota's rare natural resources.

Sincerely,



Lisa Joyal  
Endangered Species Environmental Review Coordinator

enc.

cc: Mark White  
Wayne Barstad



July 24, 2009

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Minnesota Historical Society  
345 Kellogg Boulevard West  
St Paul, MN 55102-1903

RE: EcoHarmony West Wind Farm  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Permits  
Harmony, MN 55939

Dear Mr. Gimmestad;

This letter serves to advise you that a cultural resources literature search was conducted for a wind farm project in Fillmore County. This literature search was conducted and a report was prepared by Pathfinder CRM, LLC of Spring Grove, Minnesota. Their report is enclosed.

This report has been submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission as part of the Site Permit Application for the wind farm. This letter is also being appended to our application for a High Voltage Transmission Line Route Permit request to the Minnesota Department of Commerce as part of the overall wind farm development.

Please be advised that this project is in its planning stage. As the project enters its design phase, Pathfinder CRM, LLC will be re-engaged to perform additional cultural and archeological assessment of the wind farm's potential impact to local resources. Your office will be contacted when the project enters its design stage and advised of the corresponding resource assessment work to commence at that time.

Please call me at 507-886-6570 if you have any questions concerning this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Miller".

Don Miller  
Project Manager

Enc.

Cc: Robert Vogel  
Pathfinder CRM

Matt Langan  
MN Dept of Commerce

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