

STEVENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. Section 216B.1612 was enacted in 2005 to encourage the development and operation of community-based wind energy ("CBED") projects owned by local owners;

WHEREAS, CBED projects must be owned by qualifying owners, meaning either a Minnesota resident; a limited liability company whose members are Minnesota residents; a Minnesota nonprofit organization; certain Minnesota local governments; or certain cooperatives or tribal councils;

WHEREAS, CBED projects consisting of only one or two turbines must ensure that the qualifying owners receive at least 51 percent of the total financial benefits of the project measured over the project life;

WHEREAS, West Stevens Wind, LLC, a wind developer located in western Minnesota, is developing a wind energy project comprised of eight Minnesota limited liability companies, each of which will own one or two turbines, and each of which will be owned by Minnesota and Stevens County residents, and the limited liability companies are CAF Wind, LLC; KCZ Wind, LLC; LKM Wind, LLC; Macalester Wind, LLC; MJC Wind, LLC; MLB Wind, LLC; MT Wind, LLC; and RC Wind, LLC. The individual owners of each company will receive at least 51 percent of the total financial benefits of their respective projects, therefore keeping those benefits local;

WHEREAS, the eight limited liability companies, through West Stevens Wind, LLC, have entered into a power purchase agreement with Northern States Power Company ("NSP") for a term of 20 years;

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. Section 216B.1612, subd. 2(f)(3) and the power purchase agreement require that the projects receive a resolution of support from the County board of the County in which the projects are located in order to qualify as CBED projects;

WHEREAS, the eight proposed projects will be locally-owned and operated and will utilize local services and materials in their construction and operation, and otherwise contribute to economic development within Stevens County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stevens County Board of Commissioners supports the development, construction and operation of the small wind projects to be located in Stevens County and to be owned by CAF Wind, LLC; KCZ Wind, LLC; LKM Wind, LLC; Macalester Wind, LLC; MJC Wind, LLC; MLB Wind, LLC; MT Wind, LLC; and RC Wind, LLC pursuant to Minn. Stat. Section 216B.1612, the power purchase agreement with NSP and related laws and agreements.

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