



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security



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**NOTICE OF DRAFT SITE PERMIT ISSUANCE
AND
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**In the Matter of the Application of Oak Glen Wind Farm, LLC,
For a Site Permit for a 44 Megawatt Large Wind Energy Conversion System
Project in Steele County**

PUC Docket Number: IP-6839/WS-10-119

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security, Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) will hold a public information meeting on the application by Oak Glen Wind Farm, LLC (Oak Glen), a wholly owned subsidiary of Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a site permit to build and operate a 44 megawatt large wind energy conversion system (LWECS) in Steele County.

**MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010
6:30 P.M.**

at the

The Servicemen's Club
210 4th Street Northeast
Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information about the Oak Glen Wind Farm 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 Oak Glen will be present to answer questions about the proposed project.

Public Comments. In addition to receiving comments at the public meeting, EFP will also accept written comments on the Draft Site Permit until **4:30 P.M., Friday, June 18, 2010**. Please include Docket Number IP-6839/WS-10-119 on your comments. Comments can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the EFP State Permit Manager identified below. Comments can also be entered on the Commission's website at <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us> under the heading Public Participation.

Proposed Site Location. The proposed Oak Glen Wind Farm site is located in Steele County in the township of Blooming Prairie. The Project area is located 3 miles northwest of the city of Blooming Prairie near U.S. Highway 218 and encompasses 3,215 acres. Oak Glen has wind rights for approximately 3,070 acres.

Project Description. Oak Glen proposes to install between 24 and 29 wind turbine generators depending on what turbines are ultimately selected. The wind turbine layout would consist of either 29 General Electric 1.5 MW wind turbine generators mounted on 80 meter (262.5 foot) towers with a rotor diameter of 82.5 meters (270 feet) or 24 Vestas 1.8 MW wind turbine generators mounted on 80 meter (262.5 foot) towers with a rotor diameter of 90 meters (295 feet). Associated facilities include gravel access roads, electrical collection system, a substation, a transmission line, and a permanent meteorological tower. Oak Glen's goal is to complete construction and achieve commercial operation by December 31, 2010.

Commission Review Process. EFP staff, on behalf of the Commission, is initiating the permit review process for this project under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F) and the Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules Chapter 7854).

Oak Glen filed an application with the Commission for a site permit to build and operate a LWECS near Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. The Commission accepted the site permit application as complete on March 22, 2010. EFP staff solicited comments on issues to be considered in developing a Draft Site Permit for this project until April 14, 2010. EFP staff prepared a Draft Site Permit for consideration by the Commission. On May 4, 2010, the Commission issued an Order approving the Draft Site Permit for distribution and public comment and authorized EFP staff to implement the public participation process outlined in Minnesota Rules 7854.0900. Upon completion of this process, EFP staff will present the record of this matter to the Commission for a final permit decision.

Contested Case Hearing Request. Any person may request a contested case hearing on the site permit proceeding for the Oak Glen Wind Farm pursuant to Minnesota Rules 7854.0900. Contested case hearing requests must be received during the public comment period. 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 the Commission in making a final decision on whether to authorize construction of the project.

Project Documents. Electronic versions of the site permit application, the Draft Site Permit, and other documents relevant to this matter are available on the Commission's website at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=25858> and on the Department of Commerce's eDocket website at: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> (enter the docket number 10-119).

Copies of the Draft Site Permit are also available for review at the public library in Blooming Prairie, the auditor's office in Steele County, city office in Blooming Prairie, and the township clerk of Blooming Prairie.

Mailing List. Persons interested in adding their names to the EFP mailing list for this project should contact the state permit manager, public advisor, or register online at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/#MailingLists>.

Project Contacts and Information. If you have questions or if you would like further information about this project please contact:

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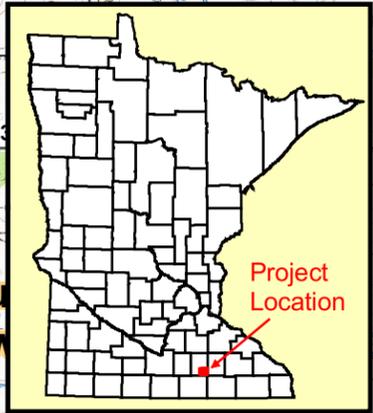
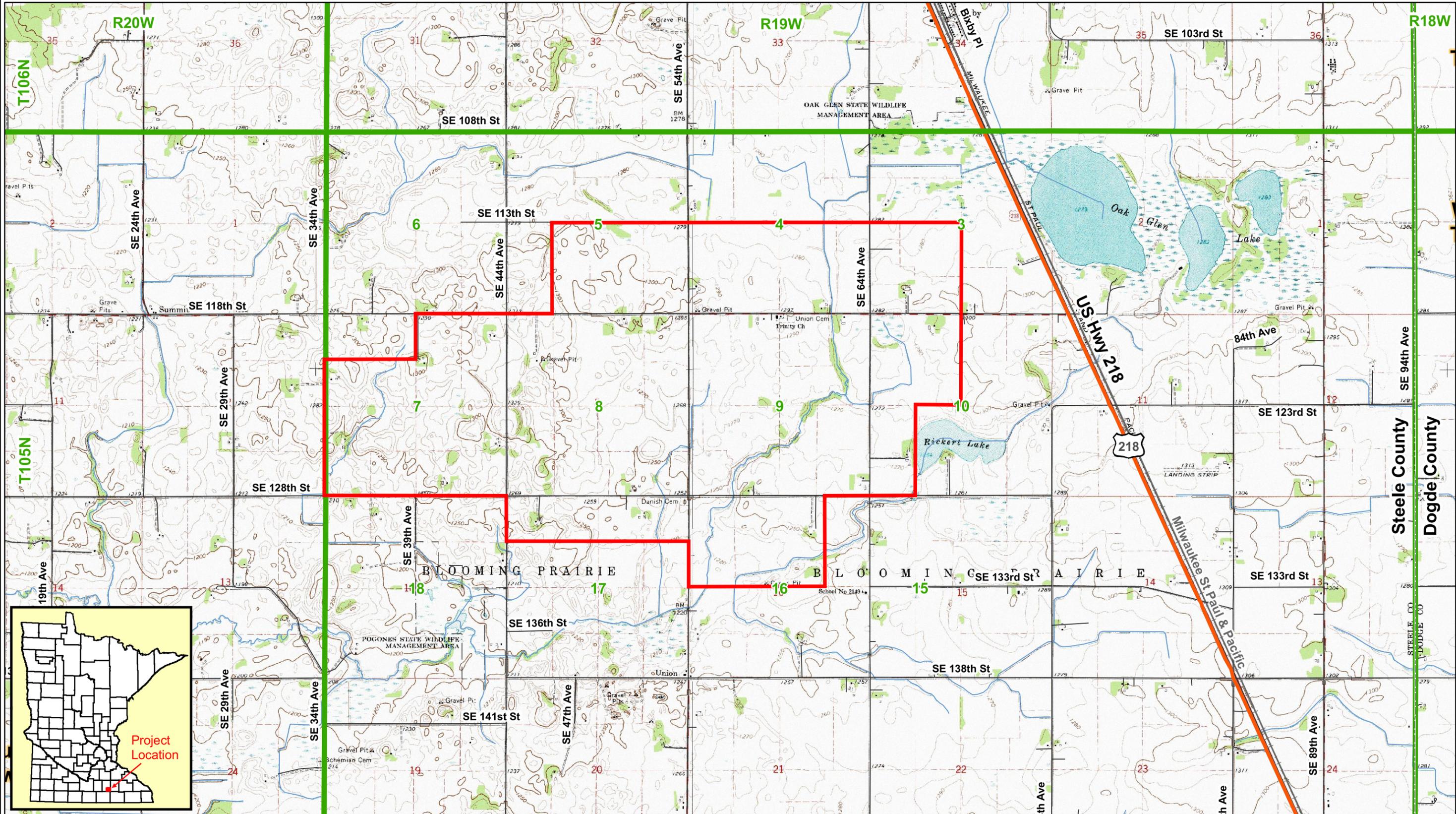
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Questions about the project and site permit application can also be directed to the applicant by contacting Bruce Freeman, Senior Project Executive, Avant Energy, Inc., agent for the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, at 612-349-6868 or bruce.freeman@avantenergy.com.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio tape) by calling 651-201-2202 (Voice) or 1-800-627-3529 (TTY relay service).



Data Source(s): Steele County and Dodge County Roads from U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division (2009); Municipality Boundaries from Mn/DOT (2003); Project Boundary from Avant (2009); County Boundaries from Mn/DOT BaseMap - County (2003); PLS Township and Ranges from Minnesota DNR - Minerals Division (unknown date); Civil Township from Mn/DOT (2003); National Hydrography Dataset from USGS (downloaded 2008); U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service DRG (2002); and Westwood (2009).

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- Legend**
- Project Boundary
 - Township/Range
 - Highway
 - Road
 - Railroad
 - Stream/River/Ditch

Oak Glen Wind Farm

Steele County, Minnesota

Project Location Map