



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Energy Security



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE

**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 Oak Glen Wind Farm, LLC (Oak Glen) has applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a site permit to build and operate a Large Wind Energy Conversion System (LWECS) of 44 megawatts (MW) in Steele County. The Commission accepted the site permit application on March 22, 2010.

Proposed Site Location. The proposed Oak Glen Wind Farm (Project) 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, which is sufficient to provide flexibility in the micro-siting process.

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.

Site Permit Review Process. The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES), on behalf of the Commission is initiating the permit review process for this Project under the Wind Siting Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216F) and Wind Permitting Rules (Minnesota Rules Chapter 7854). Upon completion of this process, the OES will present the record of this matter to the Commission for a final permit decision.

The OES is currently soliciting comments on issues that should be considered in development of a draft site permit for this Project (see below). Based on comments received, OES staff will prepare and submit a draft site permit to the Commission for consideration. If approved, the draft site permit will be issued for public review and comment. A public meeting will be held in the Project area and members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and present comments. Persons on the mailing list for this Project (see below) will receive notice of all public and Commission meetings.

Public Comments. The OES is soliciting comments on issues that should be considered in developing a draft site permit for this Project. Such issues include unique characteristics of the

proposed site or Project that should be considered and items that may be missing or mischaracterized in the site permit application. Interested persons may comment until **April 14, 2010**. Please include the Project docket number (IP-6839/WS-10-119) on all comments. Comments can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the OES Project 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.

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

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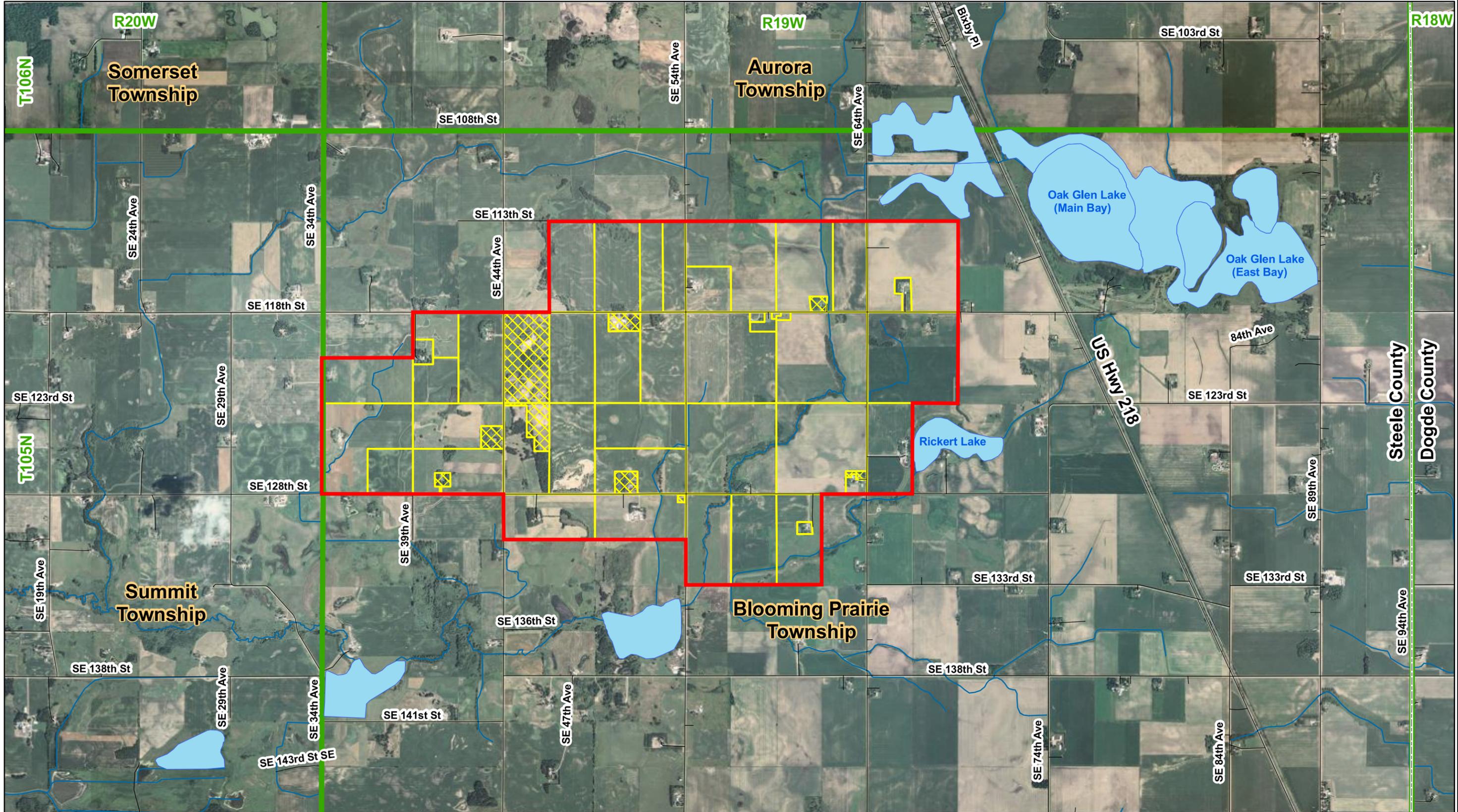
Persons interested in adding their names to the Department of Commerce mailing list for this Project should contact the project manager, public advisor, or register online at: <http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us>

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.

The site permit application and other documents relevant to the proposed Project are available on the Commission's website: <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 application 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.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e., large print or audio tape) by calling 651-210-2202 (Voice) or 1-800-627-3529 (TTY relay service).



Data Source(s): Lakes from DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife - Fisheries Unit (2002); Steele County and Dodge County Roads from U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division (2009); Project Boundary from Avant (2009); County Boundaries from MNDOT BaseMap - County (2003); PLS Township and Ranges from MN DNR - Minerals Division (unknown date); Civil Township from MNDOT (2003); National Hydrography Dataset from USGS (downloaded 2008); National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP) Digital Orthorectified Images (DOQ), Minnesota, 2009; Parcels from Avant and Steele County (2009); and Westwood (2010).

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- Legend**
- Project Boundary
 - County Boundary
 - Township/Range
 - Road
 - Lake/Large Wetland
 - Stream/River/Ditch
 - Non-participating Parcel
 - Participating Parcel

Oak Glen Wind Farm

Steele County, Minnesota

Project Area Map