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April 27, 2012

TO: Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary

FROM: David Birkholz, State Permit Manager (651-296-2878)

RE: EFP Review of Permit Condition 5.6 Pre-Construction Mtg & Compliance Filings
200 MW Prairie Rose Wind Farm, PUC Docket No. IP-6843/WS-10-425

Between February 15 and 17, 2012, Prairie Rose Wind (Permittee) submitted the documents as laid out in the Site Permit required prior to the pre-construction meeting. Upon these filings, Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting (EFP) staff scheduled and facilitated the pre-construction meeting with the Permittee's Field Representative and EFP staff on March 6, 2012. The meeting was also attended by Permittee's parent company (Geronimo Wind Energy), development partner (Enel Green Power), contractor (Mortenson Construction) and counsel (Fredrikson & Byron).

Attendees discussed the Permittee's planned construction schedule and each of the submitted pre-construction filings. EFP made comments and recommendations about the filings, including requests for some additional information. EFP continued to work with the Permittee to assure all the filings are complete and all information required for the commencement of construction has been submitted. EFP recommends to the Commission that the following compliance documents have been reviewed, and satisfactory reports and summaries have been filed for all the Site Permit conditions required prior to construction:

- 5.1 Site Plan, including Construction Plans and Constraint Maps with Wind Rights (10.1)
- 5.4 Field Representative
- 5.8 Complaint Reporting Procedures
- 6.1 Biological & Natural Resource Inventories
- 6.2 Shadow Flicker Analysis
- 6.3 Archaeological Resources
- 6.4 Television & Microwave Interference Assessment
- 6.5 Wake Loss Study
- 6.7 Avian & Bat Protection Plan
- 7.8 Identification of State, County and Township Roads
- 7.11 Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Plan (same as SWPPP)
- 7.16 Emergency Response Plan

(No Native Prairie Protection Plan was submitted per Site Permit Condition 4.7, as native prairie as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 84.02, subdivision 5, was not identified in the biological and natural resource inventories conducted pursuant to Section 6.1.)

With the original and revised documentation filed as of April 26, 2012, and all pre-construction requirements fulfilled, EFP recommends that the Commission authorize Prairie Rose Wind, LLC to commence construction of the 200 MW Prairie Rose Wind Farm.

The Permittee has requested authority to begin construction on May 7, 2012.

cc: Bret Eknes, Commission Staff
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PERMIT COMPLIANCE FILING

~~ Acknowledgement of Receipt ~~

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The Permittee **Prairie Rose Wind, LLC** has submitted compliance filings required for construction, and a preconstruction meeting was held on March 6, 2012, for the 200 MW Prairie Rose Wind Farm.

The filings were received on: February 15-17, 2012, with Revisions filed to April 26, 2012

The Permittee submitted this compliance information pursuant to a Commission Permit dated September 16, 2011, and under Permit Condition 5.6, et al.

Nature of Compliance Filing:

Permit Condition 5.6 states: "Prior to the start of any construction, the Permittee shall conduct a pre-construction meeting with the Field Representative and the State Permit Manager designated by the Commission to coordinate field monitoring of construction activities." Permittee made all the required filings associated with the pre-construction meeting, which was held March 6, 2012. Subsequently, Permittee filed revisions to several pre-construction documents per DOC EFP review and recommendation.

Permittees' filing meets applicable permit conditions:

Yes No

Response to permittee required:

Yes No

David E. Birkholz

April 27, 2012

*Energy Facility Permitting Manager
MN Dept of Commerce*

Date