

Exhibit 6:
Agency Correspondence



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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)
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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.

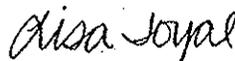
The enclosed results include an Index Report and a Detailed Report of records in the Rare Features Database, the main database of the NHIS. To control the release of specific location information, which might result in the destruction of a rare feature, both reports are copyrighted.

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

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cc: Mark White
Wayne Barstad



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August 1, 2008

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4101 80th Street East
Bloomington, MN 55425

RE: EcoHarmony West Wind Farm

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of EcoEnergy Wind, LLC, we are completing the necessary environmental review for the proposed EcoHarmony West wind farm in Harmony and Bristol Townships, Fillmore County (see attached map). As part of the planning phase of the project, we are collecting information that may be available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding wildlife and habitat for this project.

Please advise us if there is information, a requirement, or a site issue that we should be aware of. Please mail, email, or call me with any information or questions you may have at 507-886-6570 or DMiller@ecoenergyllc.com.

Sincerely,

Don Miller, P.E.
EcoHarmony West Project Manager

Attachments
EcoHarmony West Data Sheet



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August 1, 2008

Ms. Becky Balk
Department of Agriculture
625 N. Robert Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: EcoHarmony West Wind Farm

Dear Ms. Balk,

On behalf of EcoEnergy Wind, LLC, we are completing the necessary environmental review for the proposed EcoHarmony West wind farm in Harmony and Bristol Townships, Fillmore County (see attached map). As part of the planning phase of the project, we are collecting information that may be available from the Department of Agriculture regarding prime farmland for this project.

Please advise us if there is information, requirements, or site issues that we should be aware of. Please mail, email, or call me with any information or questions you may have at 507-886-6570 or DMiller@ecoenergylc.com

Sincerely,

Donald Miller, P.E.
EcoEnergy Wind
EcoHarmony West Project Manager

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**[NOTE: SPOKE WITH BECKY BALK ON JULY 30—SHE DIRECTED US TO THE
USDA COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY OR FILLMORE COUNTY PLANNER]**



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August 1, 2008

Mr. Daniel Kelner
US Corps of Engineers
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St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: EcoHarmony West Wind Farm

Dear Mr. Kelner:

On behalf of EcoEnergy Wind, LLC, we are completing the necessary environmental review for the proposed EcoHarmony West wind farm in Harmony and Bristol Townships, Fillmore County (see attached map). As part of the planning phase of the project, we are collecting information that may be available from the US Corps of Engineers regarding wetlands or flooding issues for this project.

Please advise us if there is information, a requirement, or a site issue that we should be aware of other than the Section 404 requirements of the Clean Water Act. Please mail, email, or call me with any information or questions you may have at 507-886-6570 or DMiller@ecoenergyllc.com.

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Mr. Steve Colvin
Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: EcoHarmony West Wind Farm

Dear Mr. Colvin:

On behalf of EcoEnergy Wind, LLC, we are completing the necessary environmental review for the proposed EcoHarmony West wind farm in Harmony and Bristol Townships, Fillmore County (see attached map). As part of the planning phase of the project, we are collecting information that may be available from the DNR regarding wetlands, flooding, or significant habitat for this project.

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Cc: Mr. Corey Hanson, DNR, Rochester



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Mr. Corey Hanson
Department of Natural Resources
2300 Silver Creek Road NE
Rochester, MN 55906

RE: EcoHarmony West Wind Farm

Dear Mr. Hanson:

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<i>Department</i>	<i>Department Head/ Contact Person</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
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Assessor	Cindy Blagsvedt, Sr. Accredited Minnesota Assessor Courthouse, 101 Fillmore Street PO Box 67	Phone: 507-765-3868 Fax: 507-765-2802
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<u>Auditor/Treasurer</u>	Shirl Boelter Courthouse, 101 Fillmore Street PO Box 627	Phone: 507-765-3811 or 507-765-4701 Fax: 507-765-2662
Coordinator	Karen Brown Courthouse, 101 Fillmore Street PO Box 466	Phone: 507-765-4566 Fax: 507-765-2803
<u>Coroner</u>	Dr. Lindsey Thomas	Phone: 651-480-4253
<u>Court Administrator</u>	Jim Attwood Courthouse, 101 Fillmore Street PO Box 436	Phone: 507-765-3356 Fax: 507-765-4571
<u>Economic Development Authority</u>	Cris Gastner Courthouse, 101 Fillmore Street PO Box 466	Phone: 507-765-3822 Fax: 507-765-2803
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Highway Dept.	John Grindeland 909 Houston Street PO Box 495	Phone: 507-765-3854 Fax: 507-765-4476
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Maintenance	Terry Schultz Courthouse, 101 Fillmore Street PO Box 466	Phone: 507-765-2819
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Public Health	Sharon Serfling 902 Houston Street NW, Suite 2	Phone: 507-765-3898 Fax: 507-765-2139
Recorder	Dave Kiehne Courthouse, 101 Fillmore Street PO Box 465	Phone: 507-765-3852 Fax: 507-765-2802
Rural Addressing/GIS	Danea Swenson Courthouse, 101 Fillmore Street PO Box 67	Phone: 507-765-2806 Fax: 507-765-2802
Sanitation	Jon Martin 727 Hwy 52 & 16 East PO Box 655	Phone: 507-765-4704 Fax: 507-765-2510
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Sheriff	Daryl Jensen 901 Houston Street PO Box 525	Phone: 507-765-3874 Fax: 507-765-2703
Social Services	Tom Boyd 902 Houston Street NW, Suite 1	Phone: 507-765-2175 Fax: 507-765-3895
Soil Conservation	Donna Rasmussen 900 Washington St NW, Box A	Phone: 507-765-3878 Fax: 507-765-4415
Surveyor	David Knutson 909 Houston Street PO Box 3	Phone: 507-765-4400 Fax: 507-765-4476
Veterans/EMS	Deborah Teske 902 Houston Street NW, Suite 4	Phone: 507-765-4937 Fax: 507-765-4405
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Zoning	Norman Craig Courthouse, 101 Fillmore Street PO Box 655	Phone: 507-765-3325 Fax: 507-765-2803

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Mr. Norman Craig
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Fillmore County Courthouse
101 Fillmore Street
Preston, MN 55965

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On behalf of EcoEnergy Wind, LLC, we are completing the necessary environmental review for the proposed EcoHarmony West wind farm in Harmony and Bristol Townships, Fillmore County (see attached map). As part of the planning phase of the project, we are collecting information that may be available from the Fillmore County Planning and Zoning Department regarding prime farmland for this project.

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Ms. Donna Rasmussen
Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation District
900 Washington Street, NW
Preston, MN 55965

RE: EcoHarmony West Wind Farm

Dear Ms. Rasmussen:

On behalf of EcoEnergy Wind, LLC, we are completing the necessary environmental review for the proposed EcoHarmony West wind farm in Harmony and Bristol Townships, Fillmore County (see attached map). As part of the planning phase of the project, we are collecting information that may be available from the SWCD regarding wetlands, soils, prime farmland, or other environmental issues for this project.

Please advise us if there is information, a requirement, or a site issue that we should be aware of other than the information from the County Soil Survey. Please mail, email, or call me with any information or questions you may have at 507-886-6570 or DMiller@ecoenergyllc.com.

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