

October 9, 2020

Will Seuffert  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Site Permit Amendment Request – Turbine 21 Blade Replacement  
Mower County Wind Farm Repowering Project  
Docket No. IP6557/WS-06-91

Dear Mr. Seuffert,

Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA) staff provides these comments in response to the Commission's October 1, 2020, notice and request for comments in the following matter:

In the Matter of the Site Permit Amendment Application of FPL Energy Mower County Wind, LLC for the Mower County Wind Farm in Mower County, Minnesota.

FPL Energy Mower County Wind, LLC (permittee) requests a permit amendment to replace the existing turbine blades for turbine 21 with new blades of the same length. Replacement with blades of the same length will prevent impacts to a microwave beam path in the project area. Replacing the existing turbine blades for turbine 21 is foreclosed by language in Section 2 of the site permit. The permittee has proposed revising Section 2 of the permit to allow for replacement of these blades.

EERA staff recommends that the Commission approve the permittee's proposed revision of Section 2 of the permit to allow for the turbine blade replacement. EERA staff recommends that the Commission approve the permittee's requested permit amendment.

EERA staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,



Ray Kirsch  
EERA Staff