

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD
ON THE TRIMONT WIND I PROJECT SITE PERMIT AMENDMENT APPLICATION**

Issued: *January 24, 2018*

**In the Matter of the Site Permit Amendment Application for Repowering the Trimont Wind I
Project in Martin and Jackson Counties**

Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Docket Number: IP6907/WS-13-258

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018
Time: 6pm
Location: Triumph Hall
546 Main Street East
Trimont, MN 56176

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Public Meeting Information

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the proposed project and the state's review process and to accept verbal or written comments on potential issues. Commission, Department of Commerce (DOC), and Trimont Wind staff members will be available to answer questions about the project and the requested modifications.

Project Background

Trimont Wind I, LLC (Trimont Wind) is a subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, LLC. Trimont Wind currently operates an existing 100.5 megawatt (MW) wind energy generation facility located in Martin and Jackson counties. The project was issued a site permit in 2004, and it is set to expire on June 30, 2034.

Trimont has submitted an application to the Commission to retrofit the existing wind turbines by replacing turbine equipment in the nacelle, refurbishing the generator from 1.5 to 1.6 MW, replacement of the rotor, and updating the electronic controls. There will be no change to the turbine locations, turbine towers, meteorological towers, or underground electrical collection system outside of the substation.

To make these project modifications, Trimont Wind is requesting the following site permit modifications to allow for the construction of the retrofits:

- Increase the rotor diameter of all turbines from 77 meters (m) to 91m;
- Increase the output of each turbine from 1.5 to 1.6 MW;
- Increase the nameplate capacity of the facility from 100.5 to 107.2 MW;
- Extend the permit expiration date to restart the 30-year permit term; and,
- Adjustments to permitted project setbacks.

Trimont is proposing to conduct facility upgrades for the purposes of increasing the wind energy facility efficiency, reliability, energy output and prolonging the useful life of the facility.

Submit Comments

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes February 21, 2018 at 4:30pm
Reply comment period closes February 28, 2018 at 4:30pm

Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Should the Commission approve the requested site permit amendments relating to the proposed project changes, including: turbine diameter, output, nameplate capacity, expiration date, permit term?
- Should the Commission approve the modified setbacks?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

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Process Information

The controlling statute and rules for a wind site permit amendment are found in Minn. Stat. § 216F and Minn. Rule 7854.1300.

How to Learn More

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (13) and the docket number (258), select *Search*.

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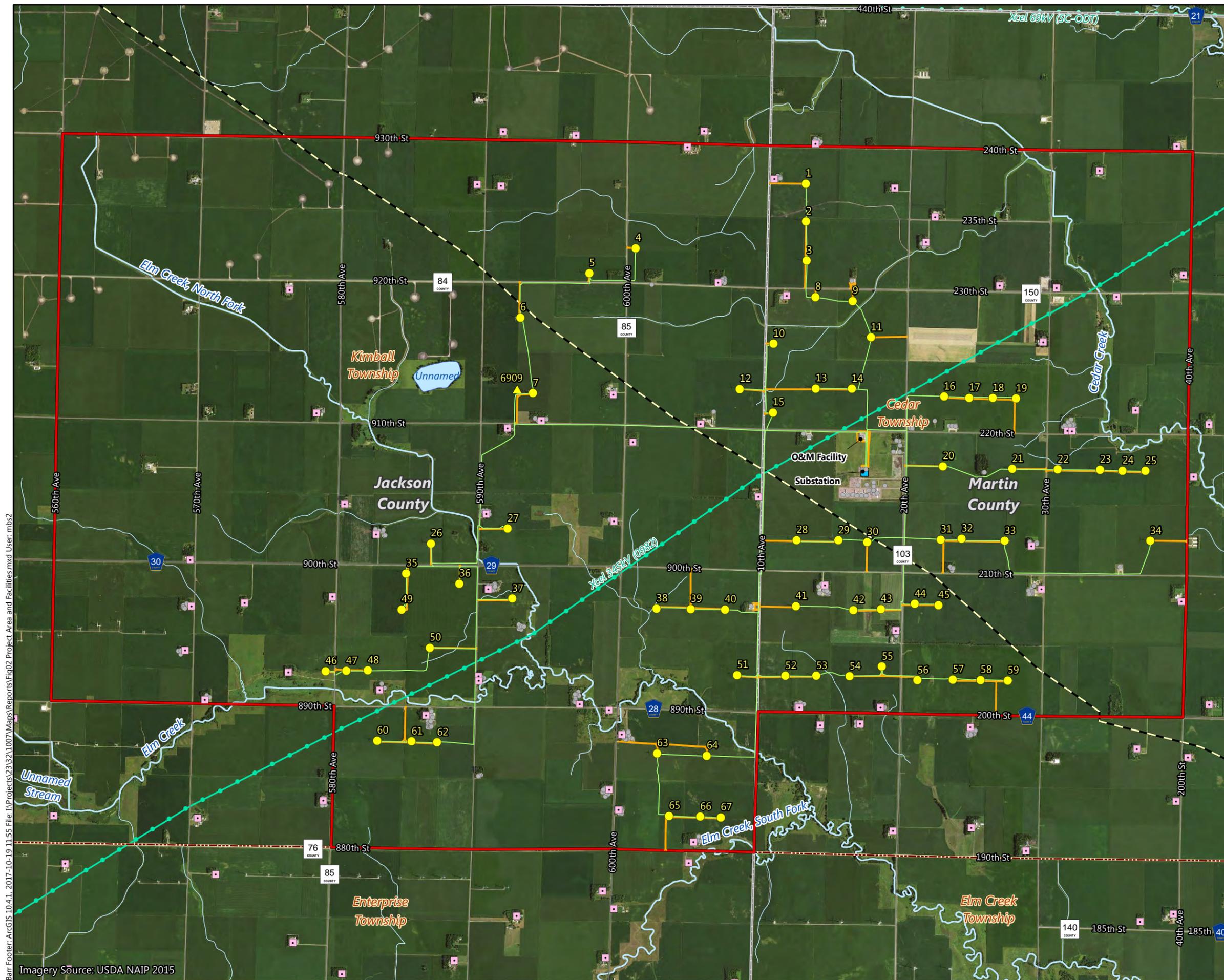
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- Turbine Location
- ▲ Permanent Met Tower Location
- Collection Lines
- Access Road
- Substation
- O&M Facility
- ⊞ Project Boundary (2004)
- Residence Location (6/6/2017)
- Other Structure
- 345kV Transmission Line
- 116kV - 500kV
- Approximate Natural Gas Pipeline
- NHD Watercourse
- PWI Watercourse
- PWI Basin
- Civil Township
- County Boundary

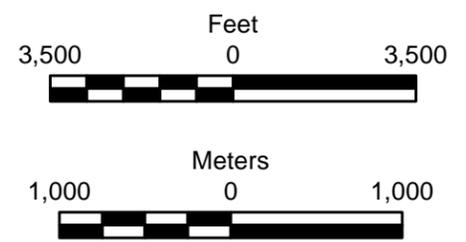


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PROJECT AREA AND FACILITIES
 Trimont Wind Project
 Trimont Wind I, LLC
 Jackson & Martin Co., Minnesota

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