



## Energy Facility Permitting

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**DATE:** October 31, 2011

**TO:** Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary

**FROM:** Larry B. Hartman, State Permit Manager (651-296-5089)

**RE:** Energy Facility Permitting Review of Pre-Construction Compliance Filings  
Big Blue Wind Farm, LLC  
PUC Docket No. IP-6851/WS-10-1238

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Between October 5, 2011, and October 20, 2011, Big Blue Wind Farm, LLC filed pre-construction compliance documents pertaining to the site permit issued by the Commission on August 17, 2011, for the Big Blue Wind Farm, located west of the city of Blue Earth in Faribault County. The pre-construction compliance documents were filed according to the terms and conditions of the site permit.

Energy Facility Permitting staff reviewed all required filings prior to the pre-construction meeting held on October 25, 2011, and concluded they are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Large Wind Energy Conversion Systems Site Permit issued by the Commission in this docket.

In the attached sample letter to the Permittee, EFP has outlined a possible Commission response to the pre-operation compliance filings. Accompanying this memo is a completed Acknowledgement of Receipt form for the pre-construction compliance filings required prior to the pre-operation meeting.

cc: Deborah Pile

October 31, 2011

Dustin Shively  
Exergy Development Group of Idaho  
802 W. Banncock, Suite 1200  
Boise, ID 83702

Re: Commission Review of Pre-Construction Compliance Filings  
Big Blue Wind Farm, LLC  
PUC Docket No. IP-6851/WS-10-1238

Dear Mr. Shively:

Between October 5 and October 20, 2011, Big Blue Wind Farm, LLC made pre-construction compliance filings with the Commission in the above matter relating to the conditions of the site permit issued by Commission order on August 17, 2011. The pre-construction compliance documents filed included the following:

<b>Permit Section</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>eDocket Doc. ID</b>	<b>Date Filed</b>
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5.4	Field Representative	10 working days prior to pre-construction meeting.		201110-67019-01	10/5/11
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7.16	Emergency Response	10 working days prior to pre-construction meeting. Must register in 911 Program.		201110-67015-01	10/5/11
10.1	Wind Rights	10 working days prior to pre-construction meeting.		201110-67019-07	10/5/11
13.2	Burial of Feeder Lines	Required by Faribault County		201110-67543-01	10/5/11

Energy Facilities Permitting (EFP) staff reviewed and found that the pre-construction filings comply with the permit conditions and that they were filed prior to the pre-construction meeting with the Permittee, Faribault County and EFP staff. I concur with this assessment. The Commission accepts the pre-construction documents filed.

Sincerely,

Burl W. Haar,  
Executive Secretary



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## PERMIT COMPLIANCE FILING

*~~ Acknowledgement of Receipt ~~*

**PUC Docket No. IP-6851/WS-10-1238**

The Permittee, Big Blue Wind Farm, LLC has submitted pre-construction compliance filings to the Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

**These filings were received between:** October 5, and October 20, 2011. The pre-construction meeting was held in the city of Blue Earth in Faribault County on October 25, 2011. Attendees at the meeting included the Permittee’s representatives (Fagen Construction and consultants), Faribault County representatives, which included planning and zoning departments, ditch inspector, county highway engineer, Faribault County sheriff’s office, first responders, county commissioners and others representing the county, and EFP staff (Jamie MacAlister, Cynthia Kahrmann and Larry Hartman. See attached meeting agenda for October 25, 2011.

The Permittee submitted this pre-construction compliance documents pursuant to the requirements of a Commission order for a site permit dated August 17, 2011.

**Nature of Compliance Filing:**

The pre-construction meeting and submittal of pre-construction compliance documents are a requirement of the Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit. Compliance filing documents are identified in the table below by the Document ID numbers on eDockets.

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**Permittee's filing meets applicable permit conditions:**

Yes       No

**Response to permittee required:**

Yes       No

**Response letter drafted and forwarded to Commission:**

Yes

No

Larry B. Hartman

October 31, 2011

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*Energy Facility Permitting, State Project Manager  
MN Dept of Commerce*

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*Date*



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OCTOBER 25, 2011

PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING AGENDA

BIG BLUE WIND FARM

FARIBAULT COUNTY, MN

PUC DOCKET NO. IP-6851/WS-10-1238

**Location: SWCD/Planning & Zoning at the Ag Center**

**Time: 1:00 pm Central**

- I. Introductions (Energy Facility Permitting Staff, Department of Commerce, Faribault County Representatives, Exergy Representatives, Others)
- II. State Role in Permitting LWECs
- III. Review of Permit Compliance Filings Submitted by Big Blue

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IV. Review and Discussion of Other Site permit Conditions

V. Construction Schedule

VI. Other Topics  
 Construction Status Updates  
 Wind Turbine Inventory Form