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PUBLIC HEARING - 25-389

VIRTUAL - APRIL 8, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.

BEFORE THE COURT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Big Bend Wind, LLC,
and Great River Energy for a Route Permit for a 161-kV
High Voltage Transmission Line and Associated Facilities
in Martin County, Minnesota

MPUC DOCKET NO: IP-7013/TL-25-389

CAH DOCKET NO: 22-2500-41594

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April 8, 2026

BEFORE: Judge Christa Moseng

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on behalf of the Applicants.

PUC STAFF:

Cezar Panait
Rich Davis

WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were
duly had and entered of record, to wit:

1 JUDGE MOSENG: All right. Good evening.
2 We're on the record In the Matter of the Application
3 of Big Bend Wind, LLC, and Great River Energy for a
4 Route Permit for a 161-kilovolt High Voltage
5 Transmission Line and Associated Facilities in
6 Martin County. This is PUC Docket Number
7 IP-7013/TL-25-389, and CAH Docket Number
8 22-2500-41594.

9 My name is Christa Moseng. I'm an
10 Administrative Law Judge with the Court of
11 Administrative Hearings. Today is April 8th, 2026.
12 It is just after 6:00 p.m., the scheduled start time
13 of this public hearing online via Webex, and there
14 are currently no public attendees.

15 And so what I'm going to do is just ask
16 for the representatives here to enter your
17 appearances for the record, just so the record
18 reflects that you are here. And then I will --
19 we'll just take a pause for 15 minutes and see if
20 anybody joins us.

21 So if the representatives for the PUC
22 want to introduce yourselves.

23 MR. CEZAR PANAIT: Yes. Good evening,
24 Your Honor. Cezar Panait, I'm an engineer with the
25 Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, assigned to

1 work as an analyst on this docket.

2 MR. RICH DAVIS: Thank you, Your Honor.
3 Rich Davis with the Public Utilities Commission.
4 I'm the environmental review manager on this
5 project.

6 JUDGE MOSENG: Thank you.
7 And for the Applicants.

8 MS. CHRISTY BRUSVEN: Good evening, Your
9 Honor. Christy Brusven and Ryan Cox, from the law
10 firm of Fredrikson & Byron, appearing on behalf of
11 the Applicants, Big Bend Wind, LLC, and Great River.
12 And also joined with us here tonight is
13 Brie Anderson from the Applicant.

14 JUDGE MOSENG: Thank you very much.
15 Okay. So with that, I will just -- we
16 will go into recess, essentially, until 6:15. We'll
17 see if anybody joins us, and then we will either
18 continue or we will finish. So see you in about
19 13 minutes.

20 (Recess taken from 6:02 to 6:15.)

21 JUDGE MOSENG: Okay. We are back on the
22 record. It is quarter after 6:00 in the evening.
23 No members of the public have joined the web
24 meeting.

25 And so I'll just ask, first, if the

1 representatives from the PUC have anything for me
2 before we go off the record. Anything you want to
3 add at this point?

4 MR. CEZAR PANAIT: No, Your Honor.
5 Nothing from -- from me.

6 MR. RICH DAVIS: No, Your Honor.

7 JUDGE MOSENG: Okay. Thank you.

8 And for the Applicants.

9 MS. CHRISTY BRUSVEN: No, thank you.

10 JUDGE MOSENG: Oh, I can barely hear you.

11 MS. CHRISTY BRUSVEN: Okay. Sorry about
12 that. No, we're good. Thank you, Your Honor.

13 JUDGE MOSENG: All right. Thank you very
14 much.

15 All right. In that case, thanks,
16 everybody, for your time and being here. Have a
17 good rest of your night, and we're adjourned.

18 (Hearing concluded at 6:16 p.m.)

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Dated April 19, 2026.

/s/ Christine Simons
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