

## I. Decision Options

1. Grant the amendments to the LWECS Site Permit including language proposed by Commission and DOC EERA staff:
  - a) Conditional granting of Wind Access Buffer waivers with an update to be filed 14 days before the preconstruction meeting.
  - b) Commission staff's updated Wind Access Buffer waiver language.
  - c) Proposed deletion of the Microwave Beam Interference language
  - d) Proposed USFWS language regarding Topeka Shiners
  - e) Denying Xcel's Request to remove the portion of permit section 5.6.2 requiring that the Permittee demonstrate that it has obtained all necessary permits, authorizations, and approvals by filing an affidavit stating as such, prior to commencing project construction.
2. Grant the amendments to the Nobles Wind Farm Site Permit as proposed by Xcel Energy without Commission staff's recommended language.
3. Deny the request to amend the Nobles Wind Farm Site Permit Amendment
4. Require a compliance filing at least 14 days before the pre-construction meeting outlining the method for disposal or reuse of the existing turbine blades and other components, providing the estimated cost, options considered, evaluation conducted, option selected or rejected, and the timing for disposal or reuse. Require an update to the disposal compliance filing after repowering has been completed describing actual costs, timing, and methods for disposal or reuse.
5. Authorize staff to make further administrative permit modifications as necessary to ensure consistency with the record and recently issued permits.
6. Take some other action deemed appropriate.

Staff Recommendation: 1a-e and 4 and 5