

September 10, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Supplemental Notice Under the Notice Plan

**In the Matter of the Application of Big Bend Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the up to 314-MW Big Bend Wind Project and 161 kV High Voltage Transmission Line in Cottonwood, Watonwan and Martin Counties
MPUC Docket No. IP-7013/CN-19-408**

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Big Bend Wind, LLC (“Big Bend”) provides the enclosed information regarding the supplemental notice it recently provided under its Notice Plan.

Big Bend filed its Certificate of Need Notice Plan Approval Request in connection with the above-captioned docket on October 10, 2019. The Commission issued its order approving the Notice Plan on December 4, 2019. Big Bend filed a compliance filing on January 27, 2020 demonstrating compliance with the Notice Plan.

Since then, Big Bend has modified the area within its wind farm boundary where it anticipates proposing to route its proposed 161 kV transmission line needed to interconnect the wind farm. Accordingly, Big Bend provided supplemental direct mail notice on September 9, 2020 to landowners who own property within or adjacent to, and residents with mailing addresses within, the revised proposed transmission corridor who did not previously receive a notice letter.

Attached as **EXHIBIT A** are samples of the letters sent to landowners, including a Certificate of Service by Mail with the service lists showing the recipients of the direct mail notice.

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina K. Brusven

Christina K. Brusven
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Alicia Jones, of the City of Minneapolis, the County of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that on the 10th day of September, 2020, she e-filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, along with this Certificate of Service, the following:

- Cover Letter
- Sample of Letters sent to Landowners
- Certificate of Service
- Service List

A copy has also been served in accordance with the attached service list.

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Dated this 10th day of September, 2020

/s/ Alicia Jones

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Christina	Brusven	cbrusven@fredlaw.com	Fredrikson Byron	200 S 6th St Ste 4000 Minneapolis, MN 554021425	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Generic Notice	Commerce Attorneys	commerce.attorneys@ag.state.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-DOC	445 Minnesota Street Suite 1400 St. Paul, MN 55101	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Kate	Fairman	kate.frantz@state.mn.us	Department of Natural Resources	Box 32 500 Lafayette Rd St. Paul, MN 551554032	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Annie	Felix Gerth	annie.felix-gerth@state.mn.us		Board of Water & Soil Resources 520 Lafayette Rd Saint Paul, MN 55155	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Sharon	Ferguson	sharon.ferguson@state.mn.us	Department of Commerce	85 7th Place E Ste 280 Saint Paul, MN 551012198	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Lucas	Franco	lfranco@liunagro.com	LIUNA	81 Little Canada Rd E Little Canada, MN 55117	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Brenna	Gunderson	Brenna.gunderson@apexcleanenergy.com	Apex Clean Eenergy	8665 Hudson Blvd N Ste 110 Lake Elmo, MN 55042	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
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Kari	Howe	kari.howe@state.mn.us	DEED	332 Minnesota St, #E200 1ST National Bank Bldg St. Paul, MN 55101	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Ray	Kirsch	Raymond.Kirsch@state.mn.us	Department of Commerce	85 7th Place E Ste 500 St. Paul, MN 55101	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Karen	Kromar	karen.kromar@state.mn.us	MN Pollution Control Agency	520 Lafayette Rd Saint Paul, MN 55155	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Chris	Kunkle	chris.kunkle@apexcleanenergy.com	Apex Clean Energy	8665 Hudson Blvd North, Suite 110 Lake Elmo, MN 55042	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Susan	Medhaug	Susan.medhaug@state.mn.us	Department of Commerce	Suite 280, 85 Seventh Place East St. Paul, MN 551012198	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Generic Notice	Residential Utilities Division	residential.utilities@ag.state.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-RUD	1400 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul, MN 551012131	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Stephan	Roos	stephan.roos@state.mn.us	MN Department of Agriculture	625 Robert St N Saint Paul, MN 55155-2538	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Will	Seuffert	Will.Seuffert@state.mn.us	Public Utilities Commission	121 7th Pl E Ste 350 Saint Paul, MN 55101	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Haley	Waller Pitts	hwallerpitts@fredlaw.com	Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.	200 S 6th St Ste 4000 Minneapolis, MN 55402	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408
Cynthia	Warzecha	cynthia.warzecha@state.mn.us	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources	500 Lafayette Road Box 25 St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4040	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_19-408_CN-19-408



September 9, 2020

«Name_1»
«Name_2»
«Address_1»
«Address_2»
«City», «State» «Zip»

**RE: Supplemental Notice of Certificate of Need Application for the up to 314-MW Big Bend Wind Project and 161 kV High Voltage Transmission Line in Cottonwood, Watonwan and Martin Counties
MPUC Docket No. IP-7013/CN-19-408**

As you may be aware, Big Bend Wind, LLC (“Big Bend”), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC (“Apex”) is currently developing an up to 314 megawatt (“MW”) Big Bend Wind Farm (“Wind Farm”) in Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota. You are receiving this letter because Big Bend is proposing to build a new 161 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line and associated facilities in Cottonwood, Watonwan and Martin Counties, Minnesota to connect the Wind Farm to the existing 345 kV transmission line to the existing Blue Lake-Wilmarth-Interstate Interconnection 345 kV transmission line at the existing Xcel Energy Crandall 345 kV switching station in Martin County, Minnesota, and your property may be affected by the proposed transmission line. This letter outlines the regulatory process involved in determining if the proposed transmission line is needed and, if so, where the line should be located. We welcome your involvement in this process and look forward to working with you.

Typically, 161 kV transmission lines are built using steel or laminate wood monopole structure 70 to 120 feet in height on a 100 foot-wide right-of-way when adjacent to parcel lines and 150 foot-wide right-of-way when adjacent to the road right-of-way. Big Bend will work with landowners to purchase property rights, called easements, along the transmission line route.

Big Bend provided early notice to landowners in 2019 but has since revised its potential area of interest for the transmission line. Accordingly, we are providing you notice now, prior to filing applications for the transmission line, so that those persons who may be affected have every opportunity to participate in meetings and hearings. We have not yet determined our proposed route for the transmission line. Instead, we are notifying all potentially affected parties who are within or adjacent to the Transmission Line Routing Area shown on the enclosed map who have not previously been provided notice. A step-up substation will also be constructed to connect the proposed transmission line to the existing 345 kV transmission line near the Blue Lake-Wilmarth-Interstate Interconnection 345 kV transmission line in Martin County, Minnesota.

Once a final route is identified, you may not be directly affected by the line. Nonetheless, we hope you will take the time to be involved in this process to examine the need and routing of our proposed line. Please do not rely on others to represent your interests.

How to get involved:

Before the line can be built, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) must determine whether the Project is needed (Certificate of Need) and where the Project should be located (Route Permit). As part of the Certificate of Need and Route Permit processes, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis unit will prepare an Environmental Report. The routing process will consider environmental, land use and other potential routing impacts. The Certificate of Need and Route Permit processes are governed by Minnesota law, including Minnesota Statutes, Section 216B.243 and Chapter 216E, and Minnesota Rules, Chapters 4410, 7829, 7849 and 7850.

Each of the permitting processes described above provides an opportunity for public input and comment, and you are encouraged to participate. You can get involved by submitting comments or attending public meetings and hearings. Watch local newspapers for notice of such opportunities. Please keep in mind that “need” issues should be raised in the Certificate of Need process, and issues concerning the route of the line should be raised during the routing process.

To learn more about the regulatory process or to join the mailing lists regarding the proposed transmission line, you can contact:

Certificate of Need

Charley Bruce
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Routing and Environmental Review

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Also, please feel free to contact Big Bend with any questions. Questions can be sent to:

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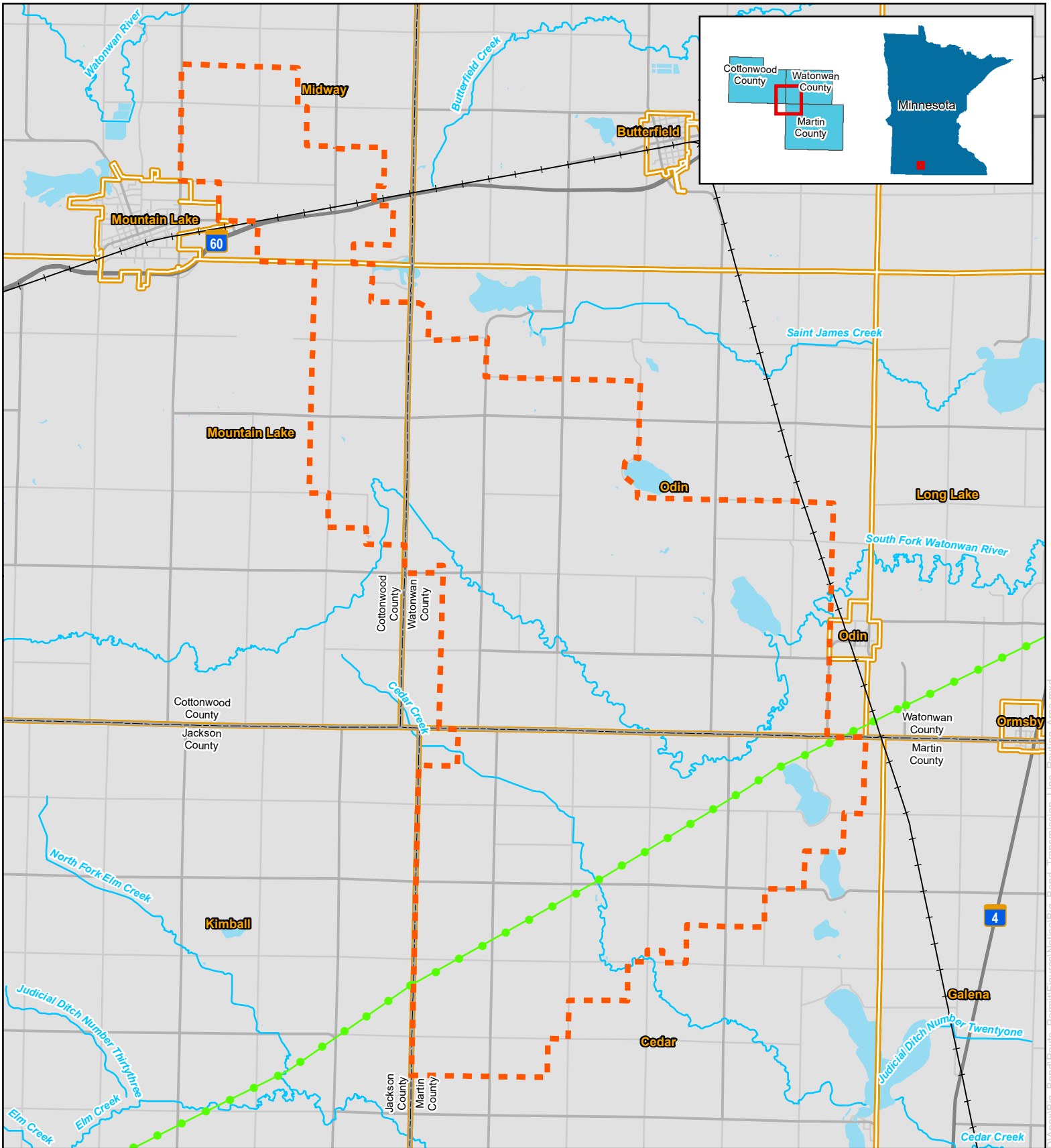
We encourage you to get involved in this process and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dylan Ikkala', written in a cursive style.

Dylan Ikkala
Development Manager

Enclosure



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For Environmental Review Purposes Only

Big Bend Transmission Line Routing Area Cottonwood, Watonwan and Martin Counties, Minnesota

- Transmission Line Routing Area
- Existing 345 kV Transmission Line
- Railroad
- City/Township
- County Boundary
- NHD Named Stream
- NHD Waterbody

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Wagaye Abebe, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following documents to all persons at the addresses indicated on the attached list by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

- Supplemental Notice of Certificate of Need Application to Landowners; and
- Transmission Line Routing Map

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Dated this 9th day of September, 2020

/s/ Wagaye Abebe

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