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December 11, 2025

The Honorable Megan McKenzie
Administrative Law Judge
Court of Administrative Hearings
P.O. Box 64620
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

RE: Response to Public Comments

In the Matter of Wisconsin Power & Light Company's Site Permit Application for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System of up to 153 MW in Freeborn County, Minnesota
MPUC Docket No. IP7145/WS-24-349
CAH Docket No. 25-2500-41066

Dear Judge McKenzie,

In accordance with the August 21, 2025 Scheduling Order, Wisconsin Power & Light Company (WPL or Applicant) respectfully submits this response to public comments received during the public hearing comment period that closed on December 2, 2025 in the Site Permit proceeding for the Bent Tree North Wind Project in Freeborn County, Minnesota (Project).

WPL appreciates the comments filed by the public,¹ participating landowners,² Albert Lea – Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce,³ Albert Lea Economic Development Agency,⁴ Laborers' International Union of North America ("LiUNA") of Minnesota and Wisconsin,⁵ International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 and the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters,⁶ Minnesota Land & Liberty Coalition,⁷ and RENEW Wisconsin⁸ in support of the Project. These comments highlight the expected economic and environmental benefits of this Project to both the Project area and Minnesota, as well as the benefits already realized from the existing Bent Tree Project. These comments also highlight the strong relationships and trust that WPL has built with landowners and the local community during the

¹ See e.g., Public Comment (Batch Comments) (eDocket No. [202511-224979-01](#)).

² See e.g., Public Comment (Camellia Lynne) (eDocket No. [202511-225046-01](#)).

³ Public Comment (Albert Lea – Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce) (eDocket No. [202512-22545-01](#)).

⁴ Ex. PUC-10 (Albert Lea Economic Development Agency Comments) (eDocket No. [20257-220760-01](#)).

⁵ Ex. PUC-11 at 1 (Operating Engineers Local 49 and North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters Comments) (eDocket No. [20257-220727-01](#)).

⁶ Public Comment (North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters/IUOE Local 49) (eDocket No. [202511-225283-01](#)).

⁷ Public Comments (Minnesota Land & Liberty Coalition) (eDocket No. [202511-225222-01](#)).

⁸ RENEW Wisconsin (Comments) (eDocket No. [202512-225434-01](#)).

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construction and operation of the Bent Tree Project. WPL expects that the Bent Tree North Wind Project will build on and strengthen these long-standing relationships.

On December 2, 2025, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) filed comments regarding the draft site permit for the Project.⁹ In its comments, the MnDNR recommended the Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy, included as Appendix G to the Site Permit Application, be updated to include a post-construction fatality monitoring plan. The MnDNR also proposed a special condition to ensure compliance with the state's endangered species laws. WPL has no objections to these two proposed permit conditions from the MnDNR.

Please contact me at 515-558-9701 or MarcusGalante@alliantenergy.com if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marcus Galante

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⁹ Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Comments) (eDocket No. [202512-225464-01](#)).

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IN THE MATTER OF WISCONSIN POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY'S SITE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM OF UP TO 153 MW IN FREEBORN COUNTY, MINNESOTA	DOCKET NO. IP7145/WS-24-349
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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DANE)

Marcus Galante, being duly sworn on oath, deposes and states:

That on the 11th day of December 2025, copies of the foregoing Affidavit of Service, together with Wisconsin Power and Light Company's Response to Public Comments, was served upon the parties on the attached service list, by e-filing, electronic mail, and/or first-class mail, proper postage prepaid from Madison, Wisconsin.

/s/ Marcus Galante
Marcus Galante

Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me
This 11th day of December 2025.

/s/ Linda J. Gomez
Linda J. Gomez
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission expires February 6, 2026

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