

**LEWCS Complaint Report Form - Monthly Report to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission**

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**Complaint Reporting**

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We are providing this standard format so that we can make comparisons to the permit, review for accuracy and use the data more effectively. Please report all complaints from preceding months.

Complaint Summary Report for (Insert Month, Year)	May-24
Project Name	Mower County Wind Farm
Project Owner	Northern States Power Company
Company Address	Street 414 Nicollet Mall
	City, State Minneapolis, MN 55401
Docket Number	IP-6557/WS-06-91

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Complaint Log #	Call Received By	Date Received	Complainant Information: Name, Address, Phone number, E-mail address	Property/ Parcel No.	Complaint Description: Include Complaint Details	General or Substantial? Does the complaint reference a permit condition? If yes, complaint is substantial. List permit condition.	Complaint Assigned to:	Actions Taken to Resolve Complaint	Status of the Complaint: Pending or Resolved	Final Disposition of Complaint: Include Date Resolved
		2/2024 thru 05/2024			NO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED					
5		1/23/2024	James Christian City of Grand Meadow 112 Grand Avenue East, PO Box 38 Grand Meadow, MN 55936		The City of Grand Meadow contacted the MPUC regarding decommissioned windmill blades from the 2020 repowering project that were left in the Industrial Park located within the city of Grand Meadow. In November 2020, the owner of the blades (Rivercap LLC) leased land from a local company indicating the storage would be temporary. Since then, Rivercap has missed deadlines to remove the blades and has become nonresponsive to the City's inquiries. The MPUC's Energy Facilities Permitting Staff contacted Gall Baranko to look into this matter and provide a response to the City.		Gall Baranko	Initial Response: Xcel Energy contacted NextEra Energy Resources (the previous site permit holder who sold the blades to RiverCap) to alert them to the issue and the need for timely blade removal. NextEra has confirmed they will address this issue and are working with a vendor to have the blades moved.  Final Response: NextEra, the prior owner of the Mower wind farm contracted with Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (SGRE) to provide repower equipment and services (including removal of used blades) associated with the Mower wind repower project. SGRE, under the terms of their agreement with NextEra, took title to the blades and subsequently contracted with RiverCap to recycle the blades; all of this occurred prior to Xcel Energy's purchase of the repowered wind farm.  SGRE paid Rivercap/Canvus (a subsidiary of RiverCap) the full fee to recycle the Mower blades in 2021. The 111 Mower blades are now located in a storage area leased through Rivercap/Canvus. The land lease expires 12/31/24. In communications with NextEra and SGRE regarding current responsibility and next steps, Xcel Energy learned that Rivercap/Canvus is free to move the blades without any additional coordination required with SGRE or NextEra. Rivercap/Canvus has notified SGRE that they do not have room at their Ohio facility to accept any additional blades at this time. Brian Donahue (managing partner at Canvus/Rivercap) has stated the blades will be moved by year's end.  This information was relayed to James Christian, the City Manager of Grand Meadow, Cesar Panait (MPUC), Bret Eknes (MPUC), Heidi Kroening (MPCA), Suzanne Steinhauer (DOC-EERA) and Valerie Sheedy (Mower County).	Resolved	May 2024
		8/2021 thru 6/2023			NO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED					
4	Andrew Peters	7/19/2021	Michael Bustad, 16790 720th Avenue, Taopi, MN 55977. (507)438-6394	Section 35, Turbine	The landowner stopped at the Mower O&M building on July 19th, 2021 and complained about all of the trash and debris left on his property after construction. He stated there's buried bolts, nuts, trash, wood staging timbers, and other debris. He also stated that White construction spread out a pile of clay around the turbine instead of black top soil so his crops aren't growing well in that area. Stated he has 28.8 acres of compacted land that needs fixed. He stated he feels he's not getting anywhere talking to NextEra about the issue and will be contacting his attorney soon if he doesn't have any resolution. Stating he wants \$150,000 for land damage and an additional \$250,000 for him and his father who owns land around turbine 33, and 34 for pain and suffering of White Construction and NextEra not listening to him during construction. For a total of \$650,000. Landowner also stated he'd go to the local newspapers and have them publish all kinds of photos that he has to back up his claims.			Andrew Peterson emailed Mark Lennox the Project Director from NextEra Energy to inform him of the situation. NextEra Energy is fully aware of the landowner issues and is actively working on a plan for resolution with White Construction.  NextEra Energy surveyed the property after crops were harvested. Drove the field with a 6-foot wide magnet to ensure metal debris was picked up. NextEra also compensated landowner for compaction and to bring in additional top soil for his land. Landowner agreed to the compensation for resolution of the damage.	Resolved	11/1/2021
3		12/15/2020	Daxely Family		County roads needing repair		Township	Road repaired with new gravel and grading.	Resolved	5/24/2021

