

September 14, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

**Re: In the Matter of the Applications of Big Bend Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need, Site Permit, and Route Permit for an up to 308 MW Wind Farm and Associated 161 kV Transmission Line in Cottonwood, Martin, and Watonwan Counties
MPUC Docket Nos. IP-7013/CN-19-408, IP 7013/WS-19-619 and
IP7-013/TL-19-621; OAH Docket No. 60-2500-37376**

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

Big Bend Wind, LLC (“Big Bend”) is proposing the Big Bend Wind Project (“Project”) and related facilities in Cottonwood, Martin, and Watonwan counties, Minnesota. After Big Bend filed its applications for the Project, the Minnesota Historical Society (“MNHS”), Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota (“Lower Sioux”), and the Upper Sioux Community (“Upper Sioux” and, together with MNHS and Lower Sioux, the “Intervenors”) intervened in the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission’s (“Commission”) proceedings. Intervenors expressed concern regarding the proximity of the Project to the Jeffers Petroglyphs and the Red Rock Ridge.

After further discussion, Big Bend, Red Rock Solar, LLC, Apex Clean Energy Holdings, LLC, and Intervenors (together, the “Parties”) have reached a Settlement Agreement concerning the Project, a copy of which is included as Attachment A.¹ As described in more detail in the Settlement Agreement, the Parties have agreed to modifications to the Project’s layout (“Revised Layout”), and, with those modifications, the Parties recommend that the Commission issue a certificate of need and large wind energy conversion system (“LWECS”) site permit for the Project that is consistent with the Settlement Agreement. *See Settlement Agreement ¶ 5.*

Big Bend will file a revised LWECS site permit application that reflects the Revised Layout as soon as practicable and with coordinate with the Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental

¹ This letter does not constitute part of the Settlement Agreement.

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Review and Analysis (“DOC-EERA”) to ensure that DOC-EERA has the information it requires for the applicable environmental review of the Project. The parties also anticipate filing testimony in support of the Settlement Agreement.

This correspondence and attachment have been e-filed today through www.edockets.state.mn.us. A copy of this filing is also being served upon the persons on the Official Service Lists of record. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christina K. Brusven

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Breann L. Jurek certifies that on the 14th day of September 2021, she e-filed the true and correct copies of the following documents on behalf of Big Bend Wind, LLC via edockets (www.edockets.state.mn.us):

1. Filing letter;
2. Settlement Agreement, with Exhibits A – C; and
3. Certificate of Service.

Said documents were also served as designated on the Official Service Lists on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and as attached hereto.

/s/ Breann L. Jurek

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