

April 20, 2017

## **Via Electronic Filing**

Mr. Daniel Wolf Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Dodge County Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 200 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System and an associated 345 KV Transmission Line in Dodge County, Minnesota.

Docket No. IP6981/CN-17-306

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.2550, Dodge County Wind, LLC respectfully submits this Notice Plan with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") related to its proposal to construct a 345 kilovolt ("kV") generation-tie, transmission line to interconnect its planned 200 MW large wind energy conversion system in Dodge County, Minnesota.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian Meloy

Brian Meloy

# STATE OF MINNESOTA BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Dodge	)	
County Wind, LLC for a Certificate of	)	Docket No. IP6981/CN-17-306
Need for the 200 MW large wind energy	)	
conversion system and an associated 345	)	NOTICE PLAN
kV Transmission Line in Dodge County	)	

# **NOTICE PLAN:**

### DODGE COUNTY WIND TRANSMISSION LINE

<u>Public Comments</u> on this Notice Plan can be submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission until 4:30 PM [DATE]

Replies to Comments can be submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission until 4:30 PM [DATE]

# **Introduction**

In accordance with Minn. R. 7829.2550, Dodge County Wind, LLC ("Dodge County Wind")<sup>1</sup> submits this Notice Plan with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") for approval. Dodge County Wind intends to file an application for a Certificate of Need for the Dodge County Transmission Line ("Project") in the early third quarter of 2017. Dodge County Wind is proposing to construct a 345 kilovolt ("kV") generation-tie, transmission line that delivers energy from the Dodge County Wind Facility to the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency Byron Substation. Dodge County Wind has secured an instate purchaser for the energy. The Project will be approximately 23 miles in length and is located in Dodge County, Minnesota. A Certificate of Need and a Route Permit will be required

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dodge County Wind is an indirect and wholly-owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC.

for the Project. **Exhibit A** is a map showing the endpoints of the transmission line and existing transmission facilities in the area.

The proposed routes for the Project will start from the wind project's collector substation, located approximately 7 miles west-southwest of Dodge Center, and terminate at the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency's Byron Substation.

Dodge County Wind proposes to use 100-140 foot tall steel structures with spans of approximately 750 to 1000 feet. Dodge County Wind is planning to obtain a 150-foot wide permanent right-of-way, supporting the path of the 345 kV transmission line. Dodge County Wind is currently acquiring easements from landowners in order to secure the right-of-way required for the Project.

### **Notice Proposal**

In accordance with the requirements set forth in Minn. R. 7829.2550, subp. 3, this Notice Plan includes the following:

# A. Direct Mail Notice to Landowners

Minn. R. 7829.2550, subp. 3(A) requires this Notice Plan to include "direct mail notice, based on county tax assessment rolls, to landowners reasonably likely to be affected by the proposed transmission line." Dodge County Wind will obtain landowner names and addresses within the Notice Area ("Notice Area") using county tax assessment rolls record information. **Exhibit B** provides a map showing the Notice Area. Dodge County Wind will provide each identified landowner with a direct mail notice. **Exhibit C** is a draft of the letter proposed to use for the direct mail notice for landowners.

### **B.** Direct Mail Notice to Mailing Addresses

Minn. R. 7829.2550, subp. 3(B) requires this Notice Plan to include "direct mail notice to all mailing addresses within the area reasonably likely to be affected by the proposed

transmission line." Based on the mailing lists available from the U.S. Postal Service, from the records of the relevant County Auditors' offices and GIS data, Dodge County Wind will send a direct mail notice to every identified mailing address within Notice Area. **Exhibit C** is a draft of the letter proposed to use for the direct mail notice requirement for those in the Notice Area who are reasonably likely to be affected.

### C. Direct Mail Notice to Tribe Governments and Local Governments

Minn. R. 7829.2550, subp. 3(C) requires this Notice Plan to include "direct mail notice to tribal governments and to the governments of towns, statutory cities, home rule charter cities, and counties whose jurisdictions are reasonably likely to be affected by the proposed transmission line." There are no Tribe Governments within the Notice Area or nearby the Project. Dodge County Wind will provide direct mail notice in the form of **Exhibit D** to the Local Governments (including elected state/federal officials within the Notice Area) listed in **Exhibit E.** 

### D. Newspaper Notice\

Minn. R. 7829.2550, subp. 3(D) requires this Notice Plan to include "newspaper notice to members of the public in areas reasonably likely to be affected by the proposed transmission line." The proposed text of the newspaper notice is in **Exhibit F**. Dodge County Wind intends to public a notice in the following local papers in Dodge County, Minnesota: (1) Dodge County Independent; (2) Dodge Center Star Herald; and (3) The Byron Review.

### E. Notice of Certificate of Need

In addition to the Notice Plan newspaper notice requirement, Minn. R. 7829.2500, subp. 5 requires that after a Certificate of Need application is filed that an applicant publish newspaper notice of the filing in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the state. Given

that under the proposed Notice Plan, Dodge County will publish newspaper notice of the Certificate of Need proceeding no more than 60 days before a Certificate of Need application is filed in newspapers of local, regional, and statewide circulation, Dodge County Wind requests a waiver from this additional newspaper notice requirement. Dodge County Wind believes the waiver is supported by the fact that the Project will be generally located with Dodge County, with only a small portion in Olmsted. A similar waiver was granted by the Commission in Docket No. E-015/CN-14-787 on December 8, 2014.

#### F. Notice Timeframes

Minn. R. 7829.2550, subp. 6 requires the applicant to implement the Notice Plan within 30 days of the Commission's approval. Dodge County Wind, however, requests that the Commission modify the Notice Plan implementation requirement to allow for notice to more closely coincide with the submittal of the Certificate of Need application. Dodge County Wind requests that the Commission direct the notices identified in this Notice Plan to occur within two to four weeks before the Certificate of Need filing. Dodge County Wind would execute the Notice Plan using the Project's description with any refinements in the configuration and associated maps. A similar waiver was granted by the Commission in Docket No. E-015/CN-14-787 on December 8, 2014.

### G. Service

Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.2550, subp. 1, Dodge County Wind has provided a copy of this Notice Plan to the Department of Commerce, the Residential and Small Business Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General, and all persons on the "General List of Persons Interested in Power Plants and Transmission Lines" maintained by the Department of Commerce

and specified in the attached Affidavit of Service. In addition, Dodge County Wind has provided a copy of this Notice Plan to the Dodge County Administrator.

### H. Procedural

Consistent with Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 4(A) and (E) for miscellaneous filings, the following information is provided:

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Dodge County Wind, LLC
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(561) 694-4817

Consistent with Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 4(B) for miscellaneous filings, the following information is provided:

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Consistent with Minn. R. 7829.1300, subp. 4(B) for miscellaneous filings, the following information is provided:

# **Content of Notice**

The above-referenced notices contain all information required pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.2550, subp. 4 (A through H):

- A. A map showing the endpoint of the line and existing transmission facilities in the area;
- B. A description of general right-of-way requirements for a line of the size and voltage proposed and a statement that the applicant intends to acquire property rights for the right-of-way that the proposed line will require;
- C. A notice that the line cannot be constructed unless the commission certifies that it is needed;
- D. The commission's mailing address, telephone number, and Web site;
- E. If the applicant is a utility subject to chapter 7848, the address of the Web site on which the utility applicant will post or has posted its biennial transmission projects report required under that chapter;
- F. A statement that the Environmental Quality Board will be preparing an environmental report on each high-voltage transmission line for which certification is requested;
- G. A brief explanation of how to get on the mailing list for the Environmental
   Quality Board's proceeding; and
- H. A statement that requests for certification of high-voltage transmission lines are governed by Minnesota law, including specifically chapter 4410,

parts 7849.0010 to 7849.0400, and 7849.1000 to 7849.2100, and Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.243.

# **Comment Schedule**

Minn. R. 7829.2550, subp. 2, provides that interested parties have 20 days from the date of filing to provide comments on the proposed Notice Plan. Reply comments must be made within 20 days of the expiration of the period for initial comments.

# Conclusion

Dodge County Wind submits that the enclosed draft Notice Plan is consistent with the Commission's applicable rules and precedent. Accordingly, Dodge County Wind respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed Notice Plan as submitted.

Exhibit A – Transmission Map

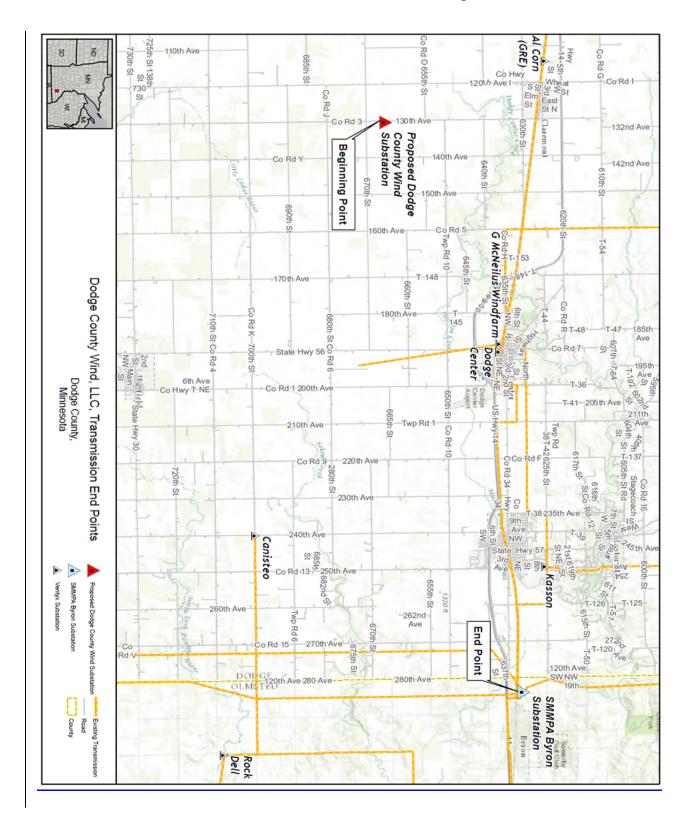
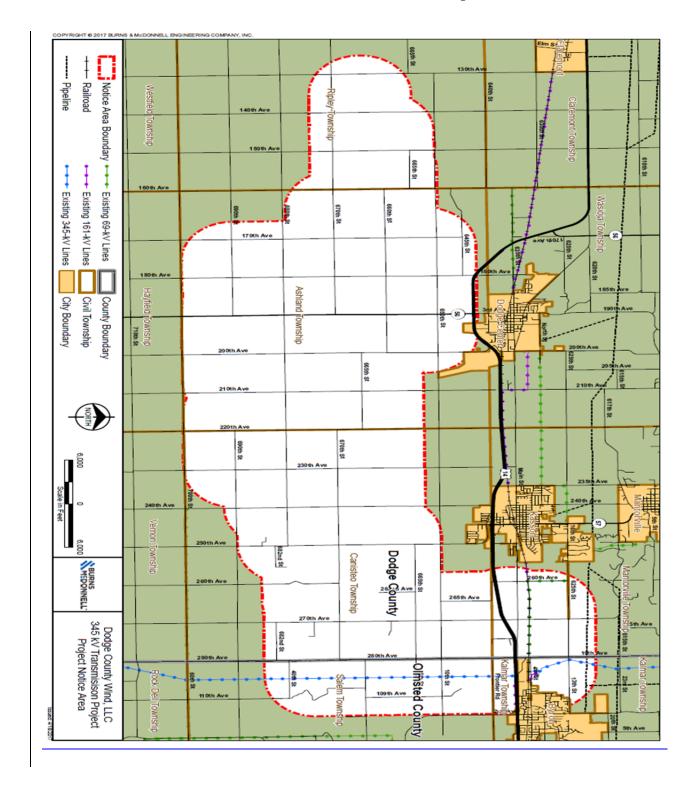


Exhibit B – Notice Area Map



### Exhibit C

, 2017

# RE: Notice of Certificate of Need Application for the Dodge County Transmission Line MPUC Docket No [...]

Dear [Landowner or Resident],

Dodge County Wind, LLC is proposing to construct high voltage transmission line facilities (the "Dodge County Transmission Line" or "the Project") to interconnect the Dodge County Wind Facility to the electric grid. The Dodge County Transmission Line will be a 345 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line, approximately 23 miles in length, interconnecting the Dodge County Wind Facility to the electric grid, which will facilitate adding renewable energy generation in the State. The Dodge County Wind Facility will have a total generating capacity of approximately 200 megawatts.

The Project is needed to provide renewable generation to an in-state purchaser. Without the Project, the Dodge County Transmission Line cannot connect to the transmission grid for its energy to be made available to the purchaser.

The Project's point of interconnection is the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency's Byron Substation. The proposed routes for the Project have the 345 kV transmission line starting 7 miles west-southwest of Dodge Center and ending at the Byron Substation. As proposed, the Project will be located primarily in Dodge County, with a short portion of the line extending into Olmsted County. For a depiction of the Notice Area that encompasses the proposed transmission line, please see Attachment 1.

Dodge County Wind is exploring a variety of structure types for the Project. Engineering studies will be undertaken to identify the appropriate structures to be used for the Project. Dodge County Wind proposes to use 100 - 140 foot tall steel structures with spans of approximately 750 to 1000 feet. Dodge County Wind is planning to obtain a 150-foot wide permanent right-of-way, supporting the proposed path of the 345 kV transmission line. Dodge County Wind is currently acquiring easements from landowners in order to secure the right-of-way required for the Project.

This notice is being provided to those who fall within one or more of the categories listed below, as they relate to the Notice Areashown in Attachment 1:

- Landowners with property within the Notice Area;
- Residents living within the Notice Area;
- Local units of government in and around the Notice Area;

- Local and State elected officials; and
- State and local government agencies and offices.

### **Regulatory Process Overview**

For the Dodge County Transmission Line, 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"). Before the Project can be constructed, the Commission must certify that the Project is needed. The certification of the Project is governed by Minnesota law, including Minnesota Statutes Section 216B.243, and Minnesota Rules Chapters 7829 and 7849, specifically Rules 7849.0010 to 7849.0400 and 7849.1000 to 7849.2100. In the Certificate of Need proceeding, the Commission will analyze whether Dodge County Wind has proposed the most appropriate size, type, and timing for the Project. The Certificate of Need application, once submitted, can be obtained by visiting the Commission's website at <a href="http://www.mn.gov/puc/">http://www.mn.gov/puc/</a> in Docket No. [...].

In addition to certifying the Project, the Commission must also grant a Route Permit for the Project. The routing of the Project is governed by Minnesota law, including Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7850. Information on the Route Permit application, once filed, can be obtained by visiting the Commission's website in Docket No. [...].

### Environmental Review

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### Commission Decisions on the Certificate of Need and Route Permit

The Commission will consider all information submitted through the Certificate of Need proceeding including the application, input from the public, testimony received during the administrative hearings, the environmental report, and a recommendation from an Administrative Law Judge to determine if the Project is of the appropriate size, type, and timing to meet the stated need. After considering all this information, the Commission may issue a Certificate of Need for the Project.

In making a determination as to the appropriate route for the Project in the Route Permit proceeding, the Commission will review the comments received from stakeholders, a report prepared by an Administrative Law Judge after hearings on the Project, and the environmental impact statement prepared by EFP. Although Dodge County Wind will identify the route that it prefers for the Project, the Commission may determine that a route submitted by Dodge County Wind, a route proposed during the scoping process, or some combination of such routes is the most appropriate route for the Project. Selection of a final route by the Commission will be based on evaluation of the routes guided by the factors identified in Minnesota Statutes Section 216E.03, Minnesota Rule 7850.4100, and stakeholder input received during the regulatory process.

### **Project Notifications**

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You may also contact Jason Harris at Dodge County Wind with questions about the Project or the processes described in this letter. His contact information is provided below:

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#### Exhibit D

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# **Exhibit E**

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David H. Senjem	MN State Senate, Dist.25

Congress and Senate	Office
Tim Walze	U.S. House, Dist.1
Amy Klobuchar	U.S. Senate
Al Franken	U.S. Senate

Counties	Townships	Cities
Dodge	Ripley	City of Dodge Center
Olmsted	Ashland	City of Byron
	Canisteo	City of Kasson
	Mantorville	
	Kalmar	
	Salam	

### Exhibit F

### **NOTICE**

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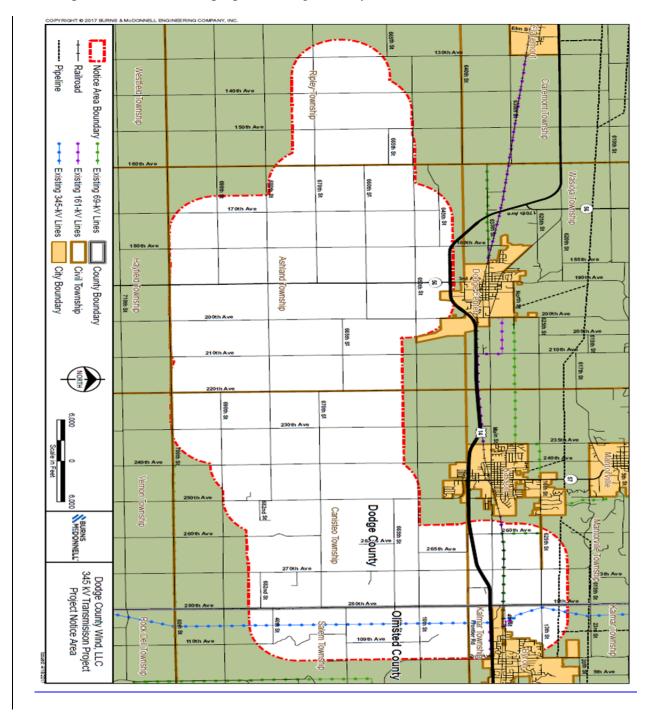
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The map below indicates the proposed Dodge County Transmission Line (or "Gen Tie") route.



# STATE OF MINNESOTA BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the **Notice Plan of Dodge County Wind, LLC** has been served today by e-mail and/or U.S. Mail to the following:

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Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017

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