

Ms. Tricia L. DeBleeckere  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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RE: Big Blue Site Permit Major Deviations

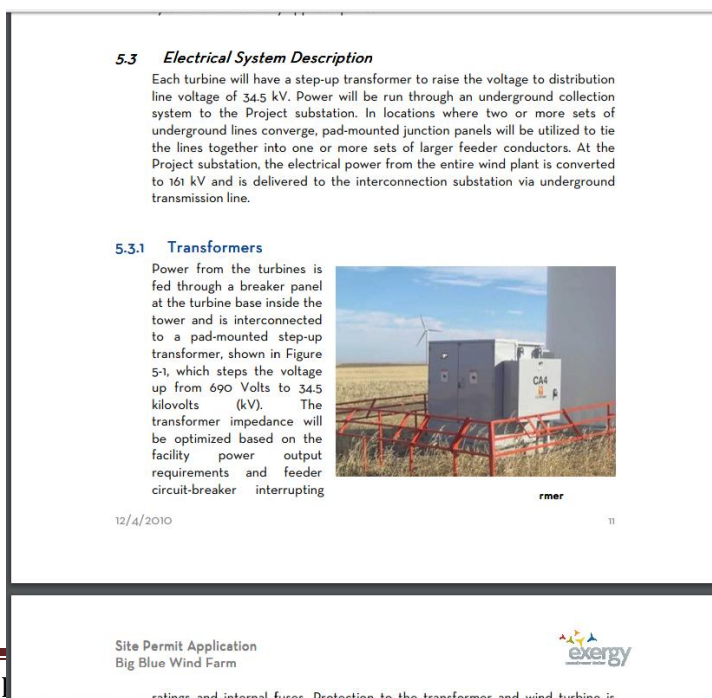
Dear Ms. DeBleeckere

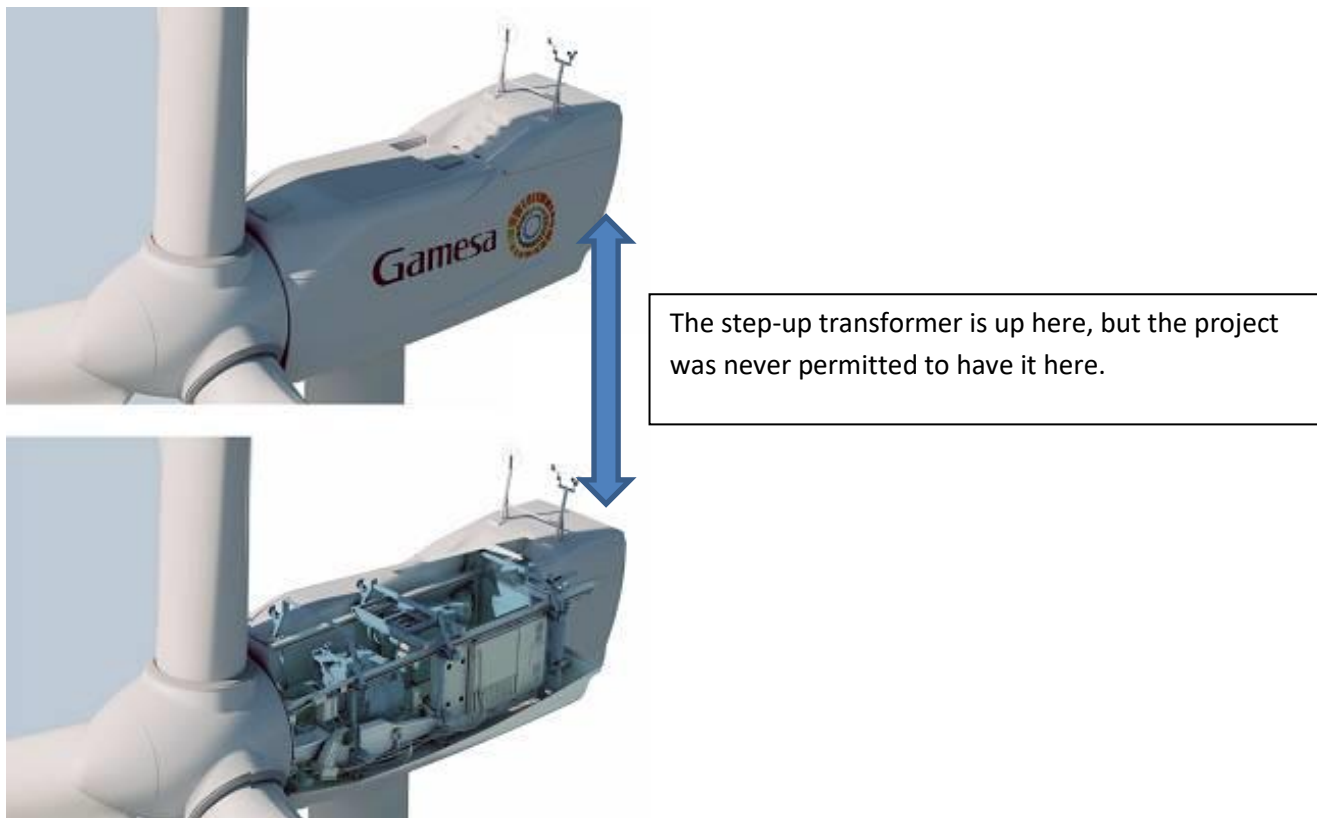
Big Blue made some major deviations from the permit, to what they actually built. It's like they applied for one project, but built a totally different project. They did not adhere to the Site Permit granted by the PUC on August 17, 2011.

### Pad Mount Transformer changed

Another breach of the Big Blue permit is the change from pad-mount transformers to up-tower transformers. The G97's step-up transformers are up the tower, inside the nacelle. The Site permit specifically allows for the turbines to have pad-mount transformers (Application page 11 Sec 5.3.1) on the ground beside each turbine base. The up-tower transformers have a safety concern for overheating causing fires and potentially burning the workers who climb up there and ripe fields of crops. Also all of the oil that is contained inside a step-up transformer is now 300 feet above our heads. Big Blue never explained, or changed the request to delete the pad-mount transformers and install the transformers inside the nacelle of each turbine.

*This is the Site Permit, which shows and explains the project will have pad-mount transformers.*





How is it possible that the State PUC would allow such a major deviation from the Site Permit? If the transformers spring a leak, or explode, isn't the State liable for the public safety and well being?

We need an immediate revocation of the Site Permit because of this emanate danger of fire to the Big Blue employees and to the farmer's fields and livestock that surround these dangerous turbines.

As you can see, the Big Blue project has some major deviations from the Site Permit that have never been addressed by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, nor have these deviations been explained by Big Blue. Therefore I ask the Site Permit be suspended until the PUC and Big Blue can fix each issue, or revoke the Site Permit completely so decommissioning can begin.

Sincerely,

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