



Legislation Text

File #: Details 2021-004, Version: 1

**** IP7013/CN-19-408; Big Bend Wind, LLC
IP7013/WS-19-619;
IP7013/TL-19-621**

In the Matter of the Applications of Big Bend Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need, a Site Permit for the 308 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System and a Route Permit for the 161 kV Transmission Line in Cottonwood, Martin, and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota.

1. Should the Commission accept the certificate of need, site permit and route permit applications as substantially complete?
2. Should the Commission direct that the application for the certificate of need be evaluated using the informal review process or refer the application to the Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case proceeding?
3. What procedural process should the Commission authorize for evaluation of the site permit application?
4. What procedural process should the Commission authorize for evaluation of the route permit application?
5. Should an Environmental Assessment be prepared instead of the environmental report required under the certificate of need process?
6. Should the certificate of need, site permit, and route permit applications be processed jointly, i.e., joint public information meetings, joint environmental review and joint public hearings?
7. Should an advisory task force be appointed for the route permit application?
8. Should the Commission vary the time limits of certain rules related to the processing of the applications? (PUC: **Panait**)