

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: HAWKEYE LAND CO., RICK STICKLE, and CEDAR LAKE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, Complainants, v. ITC HOLDINGS CORP., Respondent.	DOCKET NO. FCU-2009-0006
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ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

(Issued April 6, 2010)

On October 22, 2009, Hawkeye Land Co. and ITC Holdings Corp. (ITC) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a joint request that certain exhibits be withheld from public inspection. In support of their request, the parties state that Exhibits 38, 40, and 42, filed with the request, contain information provided by ITC in the course of discovery and designated as confidential. The information for which confidential treatment is sought includes detailed descriptions of ITC's easement negotiation procedures, pricing information, and negotiation strategies that were developed by ITC, are specific to ITC, and are closely protected by ITC, making the information trade secrets pursuant to Iowa Code § 550.2(4). The exhibits also contain personal

information about landowners with whom ITC has entered into easement agreements.

ITC supported the request for confidentiality with an affidavit by a corporate officer and the material for which confidentiality was requested was filed separately. ITC cited Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and (6) (2009) as authority for confidential treatment of the data.

The information in question qualifies as a report to a government agency. Based upon the information supplied by ITC, release of such information serves no public purpose. Therefore, the Board will hold the information confidential pursuant to Iowa Code § 22.7(6).

The filed information may also be confidential as a trade secret pursuant to Iowa Code §§ 22.7(3) and 550.2(4). However, because the Board finds the information should be held confidential under § 22.7(6), the Board does not reach the question of whether the information is a trade secret or a communication not required by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The joint request that certain exhibits be withheld from public inspection, filed in this docket by Hawkeye Land Co. and ITC Holdings Corp. on October 22, 2009, is granted.

2. The filed information shall be held confidential by the Board subject to the provisions of 199 IAC 1.9(8)"b"(3).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Robert B. Berntsen

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6th day of April 2010.

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

November 16, 2006

PROTECTIVE ORDER NO. 2
(Confidential Easement Agreements)

BANGOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPANY
Request for Approval of Affiliated Interest
Transaction Regarding Property Adjacent
To Orrington Substation

Docket No. 2000-677

BANGOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPANY
AND MAINE ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
Request for Approval of Affiliate
Agreement (NRI 345 kV Line)

Docket No. 2006-629

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By Motion dated November 15, 2006, ("BHE" or the "Company") requested Protective Order No. 2 to protect the confidentiality of confidential easement and right-of-way agreements. BHE states that this information constitutes confidential information because it is confidential commercial information within the meaning of M.R. Civ. P. 26(c), public disclosure of which could harm BHE's business interests.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds that the confidential information for which protection is being sought is properly subject to protection.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED

1. That the easement and right-of-way agreements and any similar agreements produced by BHE in the course of this proceeding shall constitute confidential information, and such information shall be considered "Designated Confidential Information" for purposes of this Order.

2. That all Designated Confidential Information shall, unless removed from the coverage of the Order as provided in Paragraph 3 below, be and remain confidential. Such Designated Confidential Information shall neither be used nor disclosed for any purpose other than the purposes of preparation and conduct of these proceedings, and then solely in accordance with this Order. No person to whom access to Designated Confidential Information is accorded pursuant to Paragraph 4 of this Order shall disclose or reveal, directly or indirectly, the content of the Designated Confidential Information to others except as provided in Paragraph 4.

3. That the parties to whom such Designated Confidential Information is furnished may challenge designation of such documents or other information as confidential by motion to

the Commission and upon reasonable prior notice to the parties and an opportunity for hearing. In considering such motion, the usual burdens of proof and production shall apply and no additional presumption shall be given as a result of the prior designation of material as Confidential Information. Upon the entry to an order granting such a motion, the provisions and restrictions of this Order shall cease to bind any party or other person with respect to such documents or information as the Order granting the motion shall expressly and clearly remove from the coverage of this Order.

4. That, unless the Order is modified, access to Designated Confidential Information shall be limited to (i) Commission members, members of the Commission Staff and their consultants; (ii) the Public Advocate, counsel and their consultants; (iii) a stenographer or reporter recording any hearing in connection with this proceeding; (iv) counsel for or any other representative of BHE, provided that such counsel and consultants shall agree to use the Designated Confidential Information solely for purposes of this proceeding and not disclose the information to any other person and provided further, the attorney does not have "a personal and substantial financial interest that could be benefited by access to the information to the detriment of the party that provided the information." 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1311-A(1)(D)(2).

5. That all materials claimed by BHE to be Designated Confidential Information under the terms of this Order shall be clearly marked "confidential" by BHE. In the case of documents, each page of any such document shall be stamped "confidential" in bold lettering in the upper right hand corner of each page, including the cover letter. Any document or portion thereof not clearly and conspicuously marked "confidential" in bold lettering shall not be protected under the terms of this Order. Faxed materials should be marked as any other document. With regard to other media, diskettes should be marked "confidential" on the outside and, to the extent possible, each file on the diskette should be similarly identified. Any person or party subject to the terms of this Order who receives unmarked documents or materials which he/she believes BHE intended to be protected by the terms of this Order, and that would have been protected if marked in accordance with this paragraph, shall make a good faith effort to notify BHE of this fact and to avoid use of such documents or materials in a manner inconsistent with protection of such material under this Order.

6. That no copies of Designated Confidential Information shall be circulated to persons other than those persons who are authorized under Paragraph 4 of this Order to obtain Designated Confidential Information. Documents offered in evidence may be copied as necessary for that purpose. Persons authorized under Paragraph 4 also may take such notes with regard to the Designated Confidential Information as may be necessary solely for the purposes of these proceedings. Such notes shall also be treated as Designated Confidential Information and shall not be used for any purposes other than the preparation and conduct of these proceedings.

7. That the restrictions upon, and obligations accruing to, persons who become subject to this Order shall not apply to any Designated Confidential Information, if the Commission rules, after reasonable notice and hearing, that such Designated Confidential

Information was publicly known at the time it was furnished or has since become publicly known through no fault of the receiving party.

8. That where any party wishes to introduce any Designated Confidential Information into the record, it shall give BHE sufficient notice so that BHE can move that any reference to Designated Confidential Information be made in camera, attended only by persons authorized to have access to such information under paragraph (4) above. Where reference to Designated Confidential Information is required in pleadings, briefs, other legal documents, or argument, such reference shall be by citation of title or exhibit number only or by some other non-confidential description. In such circumstances, counsel shall preserve the confidentiality of material in the sealed record. If counsel shall include Designated Confidential Information in pleadings, briefs, other legal documents, or arguments, that portion of such documents or that portion of the transcript of such argument containing Designated Confidential Information shall be maintained under seal.

9. This Order does not preclude any party from (a) objecting under the Maine Rules of Evidence to the admissibility of any Designated Confidential Information or (b) objecting, on any substantive or procedural ground, to any subsequent data request or other request for information.

10. That a Party providing Designated Confidential Information may provide to each person having access to Designated Confidential Information a copy of this Order and require each person to agree in writing to the terms hereof prior to obtaining access to the Designated Confidential Information.

11. That any Designated Confidential Information made part of the record in any proceeding before the Commission, including portions of the transcript of any hearing containing the content of the Designated Confidential Information, shall remain in the possession of the Commission, under seal, and subject to the protective requirements of this Order, unless the Commission or its authorized presiding officer shall otherwise order.

12. That the Commission may draw upon all Designated Confidential Information in the record in the deliberation of any decision or order that it may issue, but the Commission will avoid public disclosure or the reproduction in its decision of any Designated Confidential Information.

13. That should any appeal of or other challenge to the Commission's decision in this proceeding be taken, any portions of the record that have been sealed in accordance with Paragraph 8 above shall be forwarded to the courts of this State in accordance with applicable law and procedures, but under seal and so designated in writing for the information of the court.

14. That this Order may be modified on motion of any party or on the Commission's own motion upon reasonable prior notice to the parties and an opportunity for hearing.

15. Copies of Designated Confidential Information and documents, notes and other materials containing or reflecting, directly or indirectly, the Designated Confidential Information, that are in the possession of Commission members, counsel or employees of the Commission may be retained by those persons for the purpose of performing those persons' duties and obligations. If retained, the Designated Confidential Information shall be subject to this Protective Order or to a protective order issued in another proceeding in which the Designated Confidential Information is used. If a Commission member, counsel or employee of the Commission does not retain the Designated Confidential Information, that person shall destroy it as provided in this paragraph. Within 40 days after the Commission reaches a final decision (i.e., unappealable) in this proceeding, each other party and Commission independent consultants and experts retained by the Commission to whom Designated Confidential Information has been made available shall destroy all documents, notes and other materials containing or reflecting, directly or indirectly, the Designated Confidential Information. Audio, video or other such magnetically recorded materials shall be electronically erased before disposal. Documents shall be shredded.

Dated: November 16, 2006

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER



Mitchell M. Tannenbaum

**IN THE MATTER OF THE)
APPLICATION OF CROWNED)
RIDGE WIND II, LLC FOR A)
PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY)
FACILITY IN DEUEL, GRANT)
AND CODINGTON COUNTIES)**

AFFIDAVIT OF DARYL HART

I, Daryl Hart, being duly sworn on oath, depose and state that the statements in my Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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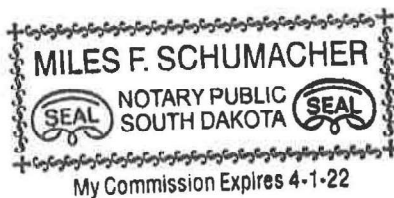
3. The terms and conditions that are offered in the form of Easement Agreement and used by CRW II and affiliated companies contain trade secrets, confidential and proprietary commercial information that was developed over the last 20 years at considerable expense, time, and commitment of resources.
4. The unexecuted form of Easement Agreement is provided by our land agents with instructions to the prospective participating landowner to maintain its confidentiality.
5. Publically disclosing the form of Easement Agreement would materially damage the competitive position of CRW II and its affiliated companies. Competitors would use the information in the Easement Agreement to offer landowners equal to or more attractive terms, which, in turn, would result in a competitive advantage to our competitors developing wind energy generation projects throughout the United States. This competitive advantage would be provided to our competitors at no cost, which, in turn, provides them a material economic value, while materially diluting the economic value of the Easement Agreement for CRW II and its affiliated companies.

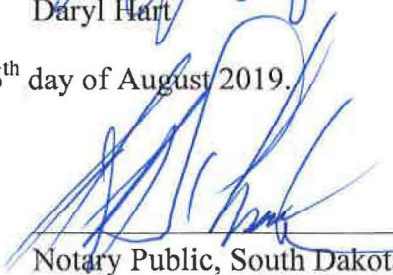
Dated this 26th day of August, 2019.


Daryl Hart

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of August 2019.

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Notary Public, South Dakota

My Commission Expires _____

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
BY CROWNED RIDGE WIND II, LLC FOR)
A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY)
FACILITY IN DEUEL, GRANT)
AND CODINGTON COUNTIES)

EL19-027

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the following documents:

1. Brief on Confidentiality of Easement Agreement, with Attachments A, B, D
and E; and
2. An Affidavit of Daryl Hart,

were served electronically on the parties listed below on the 27th day of August, 2019,
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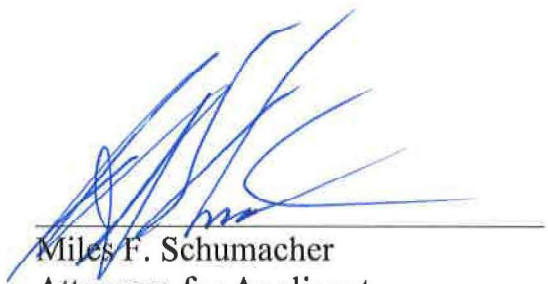
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I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the Confidential Attachment C in
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August 27, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
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Re: Application to the SD PUC for a Facility Permit to Construct
a 300.6 Megawatt Wind Facility; EL19-027

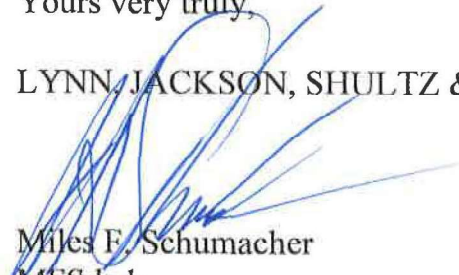
Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please find attached herewith in this matter Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC's PUC
Information Meeting Presentation and a Certificate of Service.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours very truly,

LYNN JACKSON, SHULTZ & LEBRUN, P.C.



Miles F. Schumacher

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Enclosures

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Crowned Ridge Wind II

**South Dakota PUC
Public Input Meeting
Watertown, SD
August 26, 2019**



Applicant Overview

- ▶ **Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC (CRW II) is a wholly owned, indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NEER)**
 - » American owned and operated, NEER is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun
- ▶ **CRW II possesses a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) with Northern States Power (NSP)**
 - » NEER is responsible for the development, permitting and construction of CRW II
 - » NSP will own and operate CRW II upon the Project's proposed Commercial Operations Date (COD) of Q4 2020



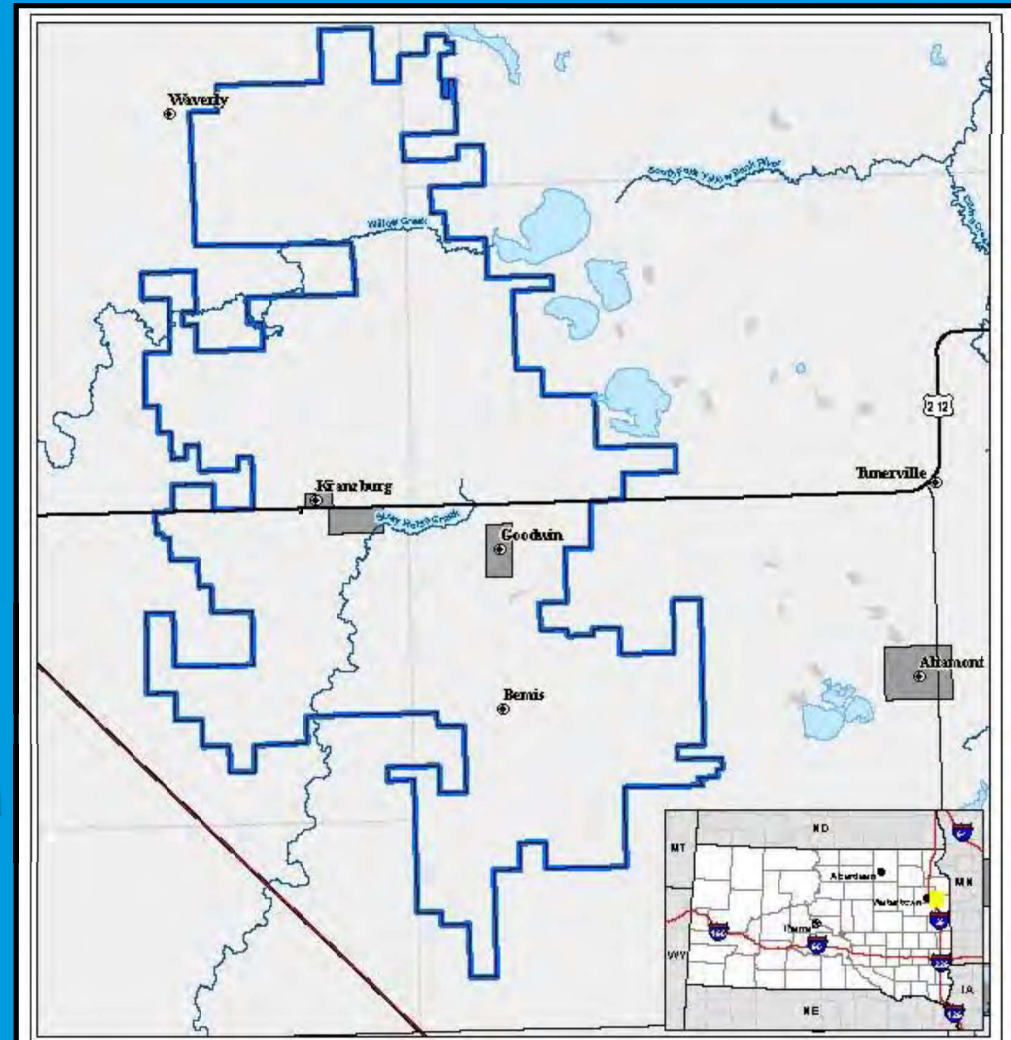
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Project Overview – Purpose of Project

- ▶ **Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC is seeking Energy Facility Permit approval for the proposed up to 300.6 MW Project located in Codington, Deuel and Grant Counties, South Dakota ...**
 - » To satisfy renewable energy requirements within NSP's service territory by delivering zero-emission, competitively priced electricity to the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc (MISO) regional grid
 - » Demand was recognized/approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the North Dakota Public Service Commission
 - » To supplement NSP's pursuit of a higher renewable energy generation mix across their generation portfolio

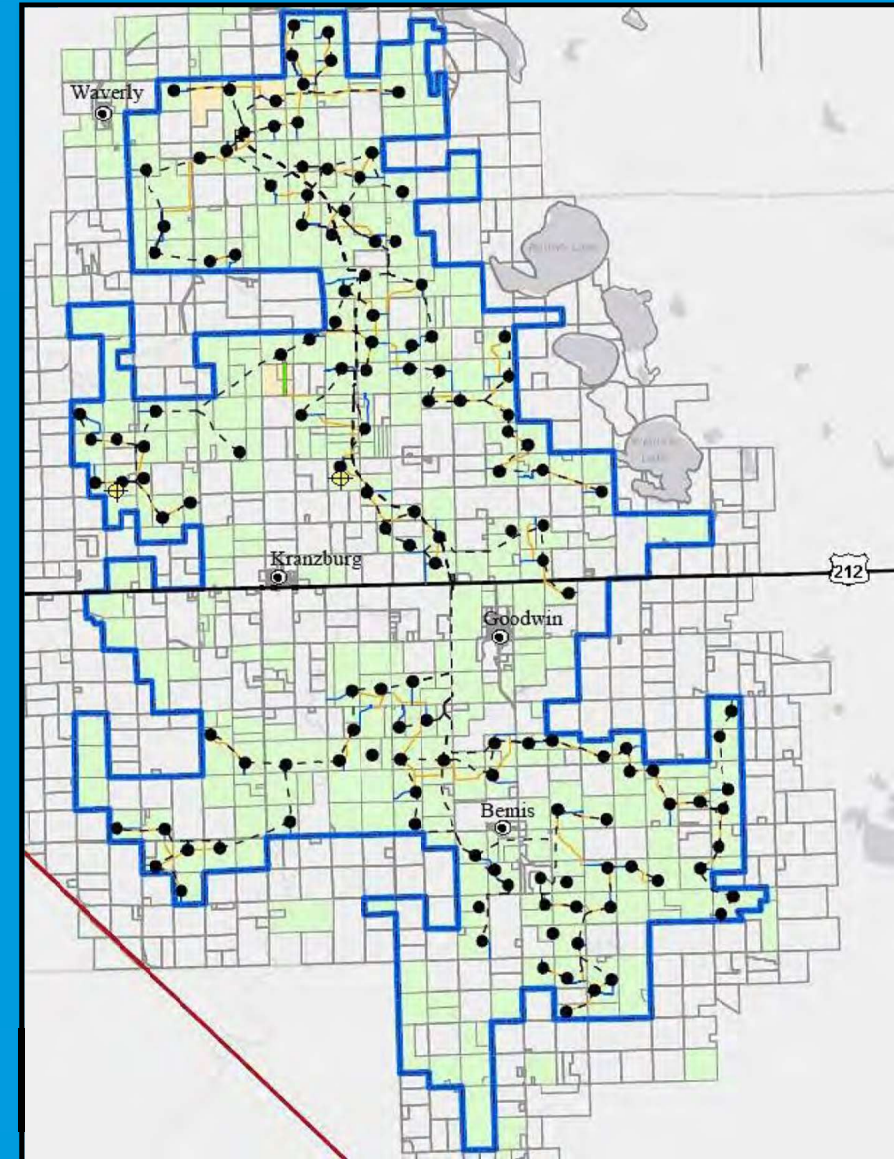
Project Overview

- ▶ **CRW II Energy Facility Application**
 - » PUC filing date: July 9, 2019
 - » PUC Status: Under review
- ▶ **CRW II is seeking Energy Facility Permit approval to construct the up to 300.6 MW wind Project**
 - » CRW II would commence construction in Q2 2020 assuming the South Dakota PUC's 9-month review/approval timeline
- ▶ **The Project reflects a \$400 million investment in the state of South Dakota**
 - » Located in Codington County, Deuel County and Grant County



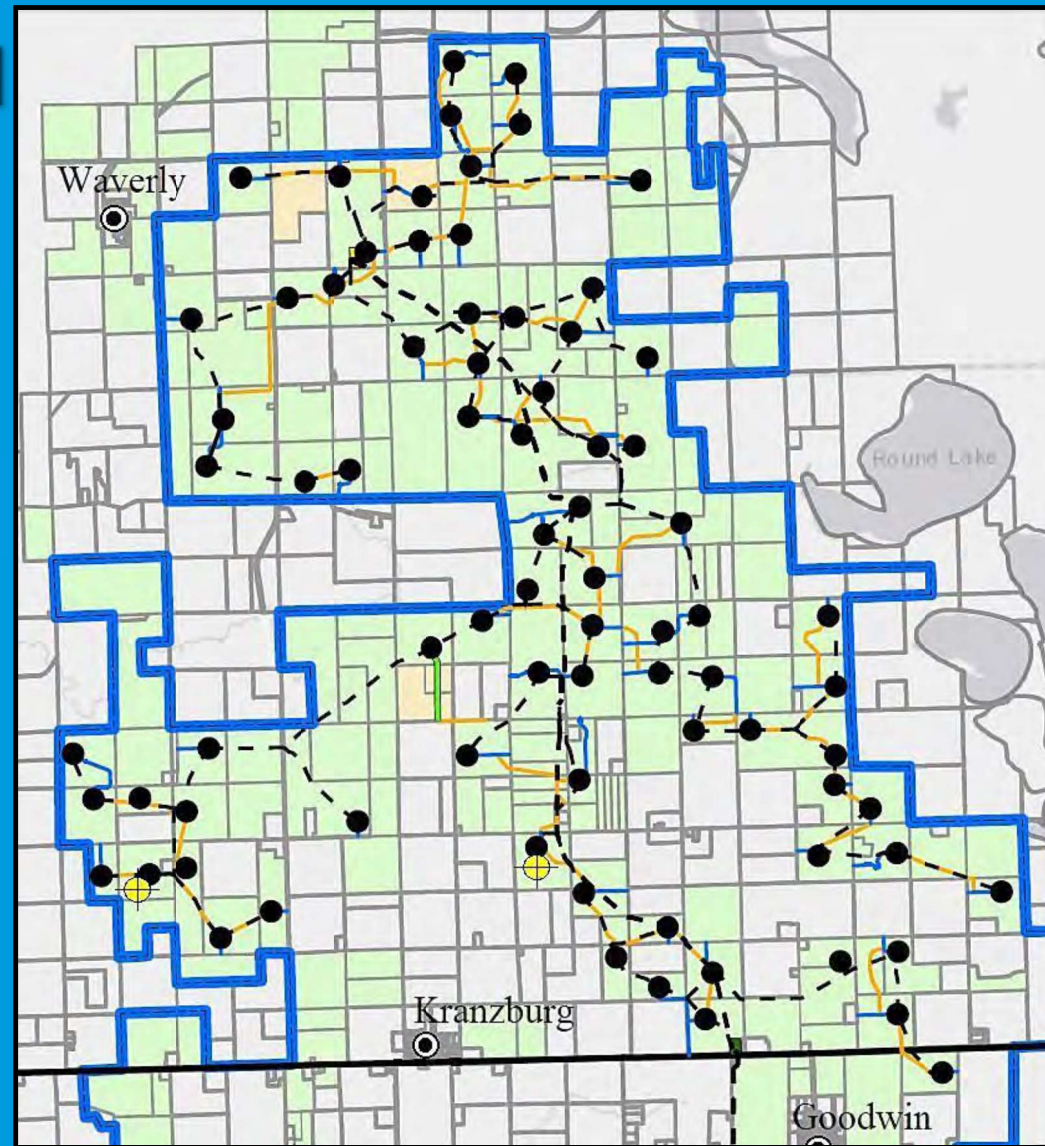
Project Overview – Site Map

- ▶ **Project Size:** 300.6 MW
- ▶ **Project Area:** 60,996 acres
- ▶ **Participation:** 40,911 acres
- ▶ **Project Turbines:** 132 GE turbines
 - » 66 locations proposed in Codington
 - » 66 locations proposed in Deuel
 - » 2 locations proposed in Grant County
- ▶ **Additional Project Facilities:**
 - » Access roads to Project facilities
 - » Underground collection cabling
 - » Two permanent MET tower locations
 - » An Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Facility



Project Overview – Land

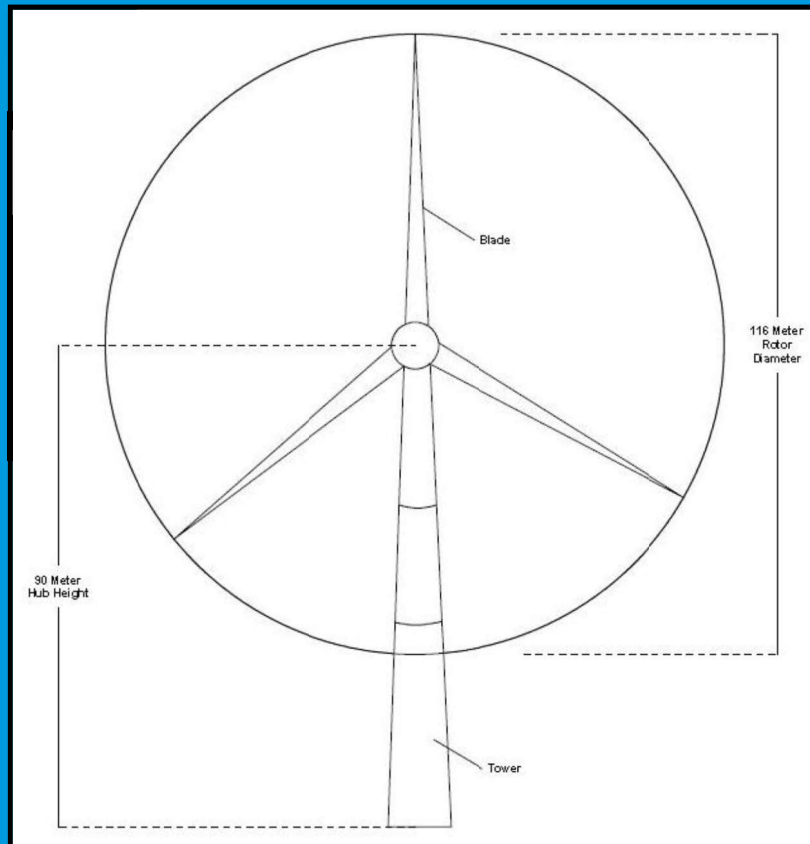
- ▶ Land acquisition process is near complete pending approval of three easements
 - » One turbine location pending easement approval
 - » One collection corridor pending easement approval
 - » One construction access road pending easement approval
- ▶ CRW II anticipates all necessary easements to be obtained by Sep. 20, 2019
 - » Easements obtained post filing of application to support two turbine locations formerly pending approval



Project Overview – Turbine Technology

GE 2.3 MW Turbine

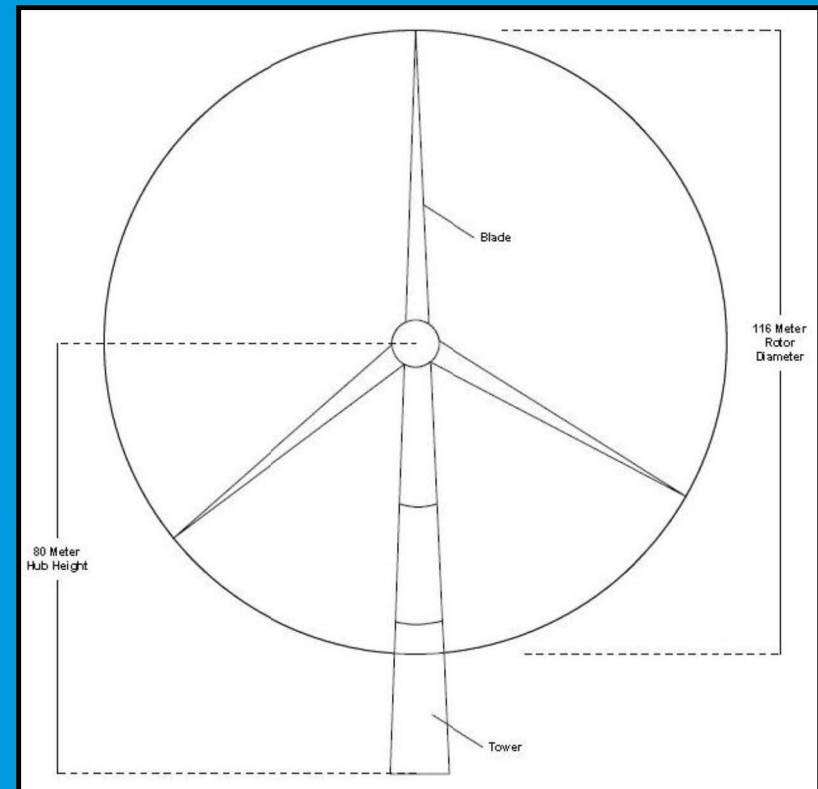
Count	Rotor Diameter	Hub Height
117	116 meters	90 meters



485 feet

GE 2.1 MW Turbine

Count	Rotor Diameter	Hub Height
15	116 meters	80 meters



452 feet

Community Benefits

► Boost to local economy

- » 250 temporary construction jobs will increase local spend (hotels, dining, places to conduct general business)
- » Up to 12 full time, long term O&M jobs created for the life of the Project
- » Improvements to existing county and township roads

► Landowner benefits

- » Additional revenue stream
- » Approx. \$40 million in payments to landowners over life of the Project



Community Benefits

Crowned Ridge Wind II – 25 year expected tax revenues generated

Deuel County Jurisdictions	Estimated Tax Revenue
Deuel County	\$ 4,460,000
Goodwin Township	\$ 1,720,000
Rome Township	\$ 620,000
Deuel School District	\$ 5,540,000
	\$ 12.3 million
Codington County Jurisdictions	Estimated Tax Revenue
Codington County	\$ 4,320,000
Waverly Township	\$ 860,000
Kranzburg Township	\$ 570,000
Waverly School District	\$ 5,630,000
Watertown School District	\$ 1,580,000
	\$ 12.9 million
Grant County Jurisdictions	Estimated Tax Revenue
Grant County	\$ 140,000
Troy Township	\$ 50,000
	\$ 190,000

Community Benefits

- ▶ Local support of organizations, groups and events
 - » Crystal Springs Rodeo
 - » South Dakota Wind for Schools
 - » Kite Day at the Capitol
 - » SDSU Wind Application Center
 - » Mitchell Tech / Lake Area Tech
 - » Molded Fiber Glass (Aberdeen, SD)
 - » Farley Fest (Milbank, SD)



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New contract keeps MFG open; 60 jobs to be added

By Elisa Sand, esand@abernnews.com Jul 2, 2018 0 1 min to read

Stakeholder Outreach

- ▶ Stakeholder outreach involved communication with landowners, local tribes, wildlife agencies and government officials:
 - » Open House
 - » Codington, Deuel and Grant County Planning and Zoning Boards
 - » Codington, Deuel and Grant County Commissions
 - » Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe
 - » United States Fish & Wildlife Service
 - » South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks
 - » South Dakota State Historical Society



Project Compliance

- CRW II has worked diligently to make the necessary changes to the Project site plan to meet and exceed local and state wind energy siting requirements

	Codington	Grant	Deuel
Setbacks	- 550' from participant - 1,500' from non-participant - 1-mile from municipal boundary	- 1,500' from participant - 1,500' from non-participant - 1 mile from municipal boundary	- 1,500' from participant - 4 times turbine height from non- participant - 1 mile from municipality of Goodwin - 1 mile from lake district at Bullhead Lake
Noise	- Shall not exceed 50 dBA; measured at property line of existing non-participating residence	- Shall not exceed 45 dBA; measured 25 feet from perimeter of non-participating residences - Shall not exceed 50 dBA, measured 25 feet from perimeter of participating residences	- Shall not exceed 45 dBA; measured from perimeter of non-participating residences
Flicker Analysis	- Flicker at any receptor shall not exceed thirty (30) hours per year	- Flicker at any receptor shall not exceed thirty (30) hours per year	- Flicker at any receptor shall not exceed thirty (30) hours per year

Wind Farm Description

- ▶ **The Project will consist of up to 132 turbines, a collector substation, underground collection lines and an O&M facility:**
 - » **Turbines** – 117 GE 2.3 MW, 90m HH and 15 GE 2.1 MW 80m HH
 - » **Associated Collector Substation** – 34.5 kV to 230 kV fenced area with breakers, switches, control house and two power transformers
 - » **Underground Collection Lines** – 34.5 kV power cables buried at least 48 inches below the surface to connect the turbines to the substation, and includes pad mount transformers and junction boxes
 - » **O&M Facility** – Fenced area with a main building that accommodates offices, spare parts storage, maintenance shop and parking facilities

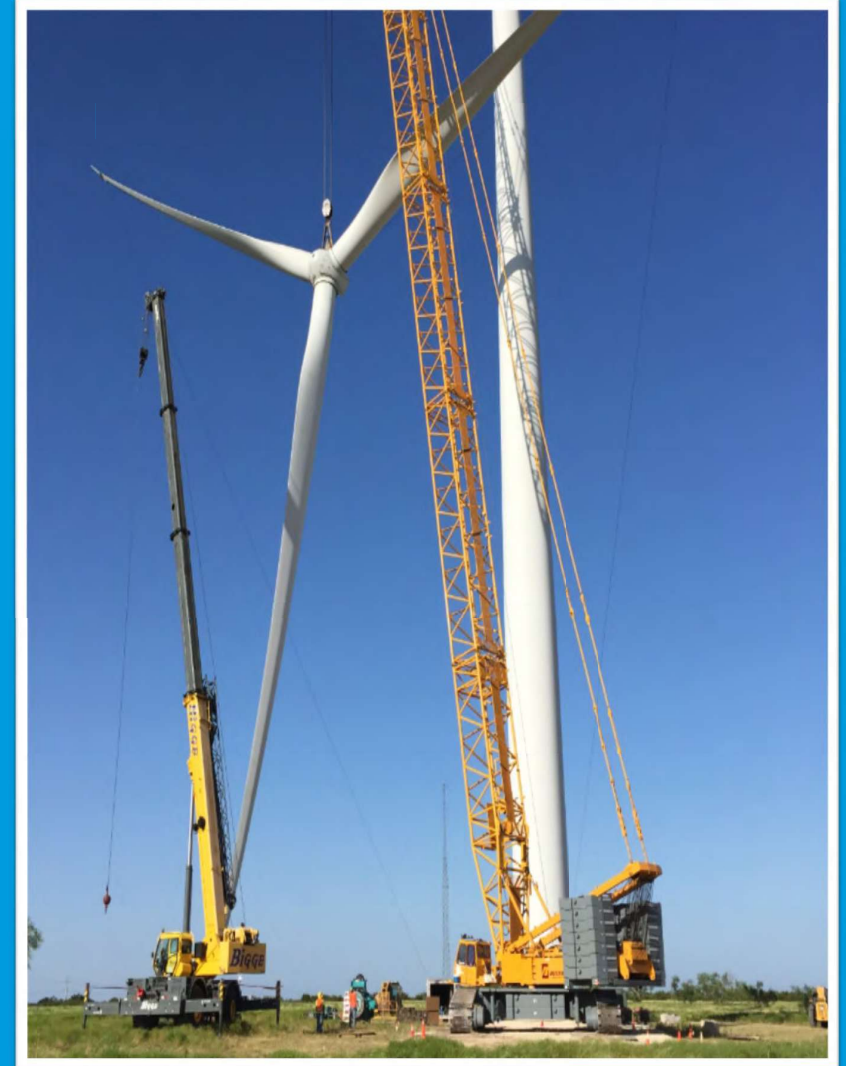
Construction Overview

- ▶ The construction process begins with a detailed engineering design for all facets of the Project including; access roads, turbine foundations, tower erection and electrical systems
- ▶ Turbine Foundation
 - » Remove and stockpile top soil for future reclamation
 - » Install straw waddles and silt fences to control run-off during rain events
 - » Excavate turbine foundation to approx. 8' depth
 - » Install rebar and bolt cage
 - » Pour concrete supplied by on-site batch plant



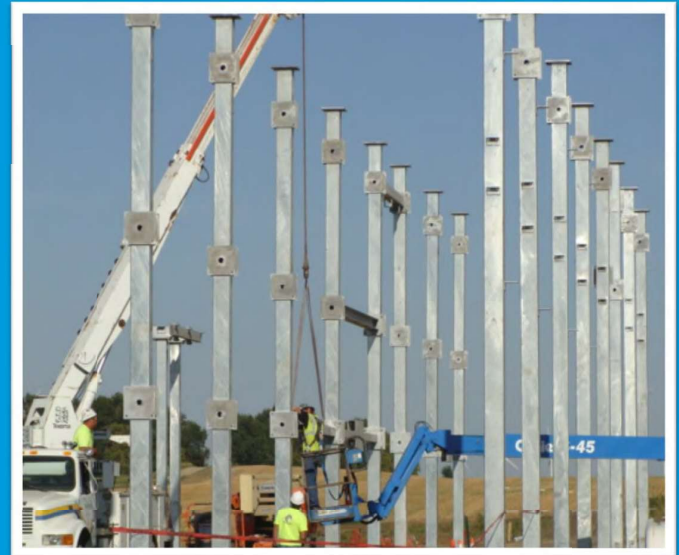
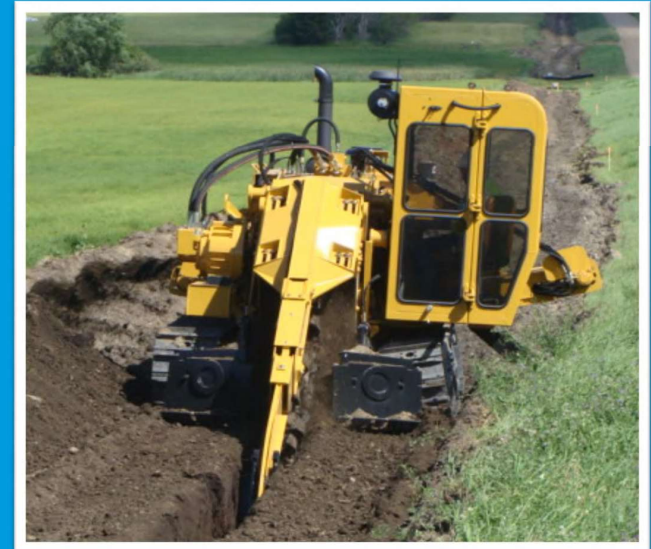
Construction Overview

- ▶ Turbine towers are erected using special cranes capable of lifting up to 1,800 tons and reaching a height of 350 feet
 - » Install down tower assembly including turbine converter
 - » Install tower base including torqueing anchor bolts
 - » Install mid and top tower sections
 - » Install nacelle, hub and fly rotor



Construction Overview

- ▶ **The collection lines are installed using a trencher or horizontal direction bores**
 - » Cables and communication lines are laid simultaneously while trench is being cut
 - » Trenches are back filled with native soil and compacted
- ▶ **The collector substation is designed and constructed to meet all applicable codes and standards**
 - » Clear and grub site, grade and compact site
 - » Install below grade infrastructure, equipment foundations, wire and termination
 - » Test and commission equipment



Operations Overview

- ▶ **The Project will be monitored 24/7 by a Supervisory Controls and Data Acquisitions (SCADA) system**
 - » NSP's Commercial Operations Center, a fulltime remote monitoring and control facility located in Denver Colorado, ensures safe and reliable operations by providing remote real-time monitoring and controlling of the entire Project, including the wind turbines
- ▶ **The O&M building (approx. 8,000 sq. ft.) will provide accommodation for the operations personnel**
 - » Up to 12 permanent employees, consisting of an operations manager and wind technicians, will operate the windfarm and substation after construction is completed
 - » During operations, the site team will perform scheduled, preventive maintenance on wind turbines
 - » The O&M will house operating personnel, offices, operations and communication equipment, parts storage, outdoor lighting and perimeter fencing

Decommissioning Overview

- ▶ **CRW II, under the ownership of NSP, is responsible for Project decommissioning and all costs with decommissioning the associated facilities**
 - » Removal of 132 wind turbines and all existing above ground facilities
 - » Removal of all ancillary, underground equipment to a depth of 4 feet
 - » Removal of roads and staging areas unless the private landowners desire for roads and staging areas to be retained
 - » Restoration to pre-construction conditions to the extent possible including:
 - › Vegetation, drainage and other environmental features
 - » Repair to county/township roads impacted by movement of heavy vehicles and frequent vehicle trips

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South Dakota PUC Website

<https://puc.sd.gov>



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A PERMIT OF A WIND ENERGY)		
FACILITY IN DEUEL, GRANT)	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
AND CODINGTON COUNTIES)		

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