

Sibley Wind Project

Sibley County, MN

Comment on Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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This is in response to the open comment period on the wind project under construction in Sibley County MN. I believe the project is not in violation of the State permit. The project started construction in Oct. of 2013 and then was delayed by severe weather which stopped construction that fall. Throughout the winter and early spring the Opposition group voiced concerns that we hadn't done an avian study and the project was going to kill Eagles. The project management in discussions with the PUC decided to do a spring and Fall Avian study even though it wasn't required in the State permit. This study has just been finished and will have the final published results in Dec. 2014. With the study completed, we can now go back to completing the construction of the project and finally see it commissioned in 2015..

I would like to know why the Opposition group never voiced any complaints during the two public meetings and review periods when the State Permit was granted and just started their vendetta opposing the project after shareholders and Wesco Wind have spent millions of dollars in development and transmission upgrades?

This project will bring in \$75,000 to \$90,000 dollars in production tax revenue to the County and Township for as long as the project is producing power. It will employ at least 3 full time technicians and several dozen construction workers during the construction period. Not to mention all the supplies, concrete and gravel purchased locally.

I would urge the Commission to continue to support this clean, cheap, renewable source of electrical energy for the region.

Thanks,



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