

**NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON THE TRIMONT WIND I PROJECT SITE PERMIT  
AMENDMENT APPLICATION AND APRIL 3 SUPPLEMENTAL FILING**

*Issued: April 5, 2018*

**In the Matter of the Site Permit Amendment Application for Repowering the Trimont Wind I  
Project in Martin and Jackson Counties**

**Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Docket Number:** IP6907/WS-13-258

**Comment Period:** Initial comment period closes April 16, 2018 at 4:30pm  
Reply comment period closes April 23, 2018 at 4:30pm

**Topic(s) Open for Comment:**

- Should the Commission approve the requested site permit amendments relating to the proposed project changes, including: turbine diameter, output, nameplate capacity, expiration date, and permit term?
- Should the Commission approve the modified setbacks as further discussed in the supplemental comments filed by Trimont Wind I, LLC on April 3, 2018?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

**Background:** Trimont Wind I, LLC (Trimont Wind) is a subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, LLC. Trimont Wind currently operates an existing 100.5 megawatt (MW) wind energy generation facility located in Martin and Jackson counties. The project was issued a site permit in 2004, and it is set to expire on June 30, 2034.

Trimont Wind has submitted an application to the Commission to retrofit the existing wind turbines with no changes to the turbine locations, turbine towers, meteorological towers, or underground electrical collection system outside of the substation. To make the project alterations, Trimont Wind is requesting the following site permit modifications to allow for the construction of the retrofits:

- Increase the rotor diameter of all turbines from 77 meters (m) to 91m;
- Increase the output of each turbine from 1.5 to 1.6 MW;
- Increase the nameplate capacity of the facility from 100.5 to 107.2 MW;
- Extend the permit expiration date to restart the 30-year permit term; and,
- Adjust the permitted project (wind access buffer) setbacks to lessen the distance between the tip of the rotors and adjacent property lines.

Following comments received by the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis unit, Trimont Wind filed supplemental comments providing further information on its

request for the Commission to approve less than a 3x5 rotor diameter setback from adjacent property boundaries.

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