

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD
ON THE FENTON WIND PROJECT SITE PERMIT AMENDMENT APPLICATION**

Issued: *October 30, 2018*

**In the Matter of the Site Permit Amendment Application for Repowering the Fenton Wind Project
in Murray and Nobles Counties**

Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Docket Number: IP6499/WS-05-1707

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018
Time: 6pm
Location: Gray Wolf Meeting Room
130 Howard St. E.
Edgerton, MN 56128

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Public Meeting Information

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the proposed amendment petition and the state's review process and to accept verbal or written comments on potential issues. Commission, Department of Commerce (DOC), and Fenton Power Partners I, LLC (Fenton Wind) staff will be available to answer questions about the project and the requested modifications.

Project Background

Fenton Wind is a subsidiary of EDF Renewables, Inc. Fenton Wind currently operates an existing 205.5 megawatt (MW) wind energy generation facility located in Murray and Nobles counties. The project was issued a site permit in 2006, and it is set to expire in December 2036.

Fenton Wind has submitted an application to the Commission to retrofit the existing wind turbines by installing larger rotors, upgraded gear boxes, and other associated components. The increased rotor diameter and upgraded generators will increase each turbine's capacity from 1.5 MW to 1.62 MW. There will be no change to the turbine locations, turbine towers, meteorological towers, or underground electrical collection system outside of the substation.

To make the project modifications, Fenton Wind is requesting the following site permit modifications:

- Increase the rotor diameter of all turbines from 77 meters (m) to 91m;
- Increase the output of each turbine from 1.5 MW to 1.62 MW;
- Increase the nameplate capacity of the facility from 205.5 MW to up to 221 MW;

- Extend the permit expiration date to restart the 30-year permit term; and,
- Adjustments to current project setbacks, including a variance to a rotor diameter setback from adjacent property boundaries.

Fenton Wind is proposing to conduct facility upgrades for the purposes of increasing the wind energy facility efficiency, reliability, energy output, and prolonging the useful life of the facility.

Submit Comments

Comment Period: Initial comment period closes December 5, 2018 at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes December 12, 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?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

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Process Information

The controlling statute and rules for a wind site permit amendment are found in Minn. Stat. Chapter 216F and Minn. Rule 7854.1300.

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