

Informational Notice Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Law 49-41B-25.1

Public Utilities Commission Capitol Building, 1st floor 500 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501-5070

1 March 2011

RE: Wind River Project – 90MW Wind Farm Project

This letter shall serve as notice of our intent to commence construction of a 90MW wind farm project located in the North East quadrant of Butte County, South Dakota, more specifically identified as:

Latitude: +45 °7 •2 . 82"

Longitude: -103 °35 •52 . 13"

The project shall consist of approximately 100 turbines with a nameplate capacity of 1MW per turbine tower, with a total annual output not to exceed 90MW production.

The project would interconnect with Western Area Power Administration's (Western's) existing 69-kV substation at Belle Fourche, which runs through the South West portion of the project site. Western has not yet commenced the interconnection studies for the project. It is anticipated that the interconnection would consist of a 230-kV substation constructed near or under the existing transmission line. The project would include a collection substation, which would be constructed and owned by the project. The collection substation may be constructed immediately adjacent to the interconnection substation, in which case the connection with Western's substation would be via a short 230-kV bus with no overhead transmission lines.

Construction commencement, weather permitting is scheduled for 7/15/2011.

Any changes, modifications or alterations to this proposed plan shall be updated with the Public Utilities Commission to reflect such changes, if any.

Sincerely,