GERONIMO ENERGY

CROCKER WIND FARM

Clark County, SD

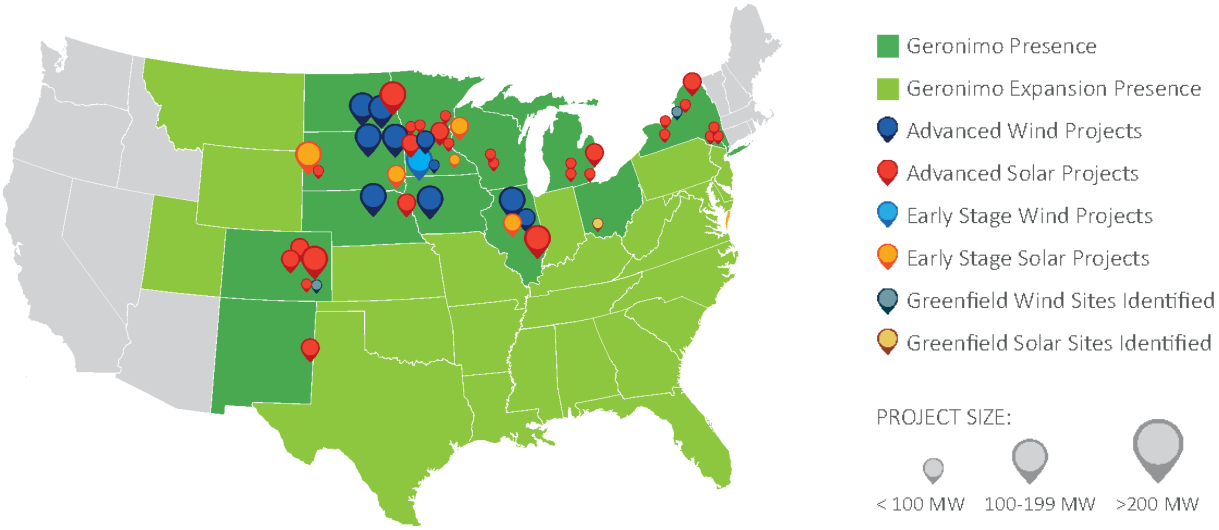
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Public Input Hearing

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

About Geronimo Energy

Geronimo Energy is full-service, American renewable energy company that has successfully delivered over 1,600 megawatts of wind and solar projects that are currently in operation or under construction throughout the United States. Project partners for this portfolio include:



Crocker Wind Farm

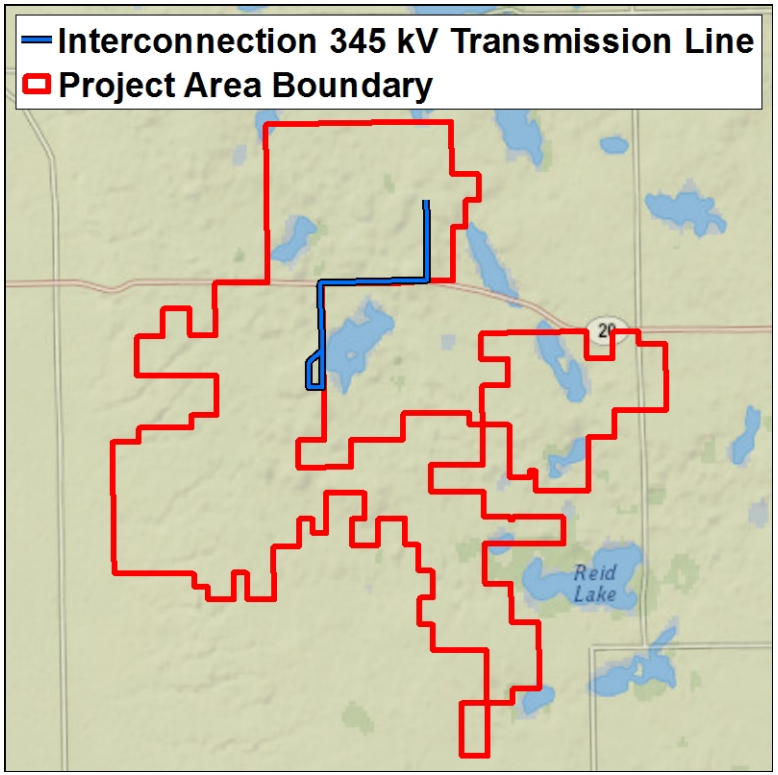
PROJECT DEVELOPER

- Crocker Wind Farm, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Geronimo Energy, LLC

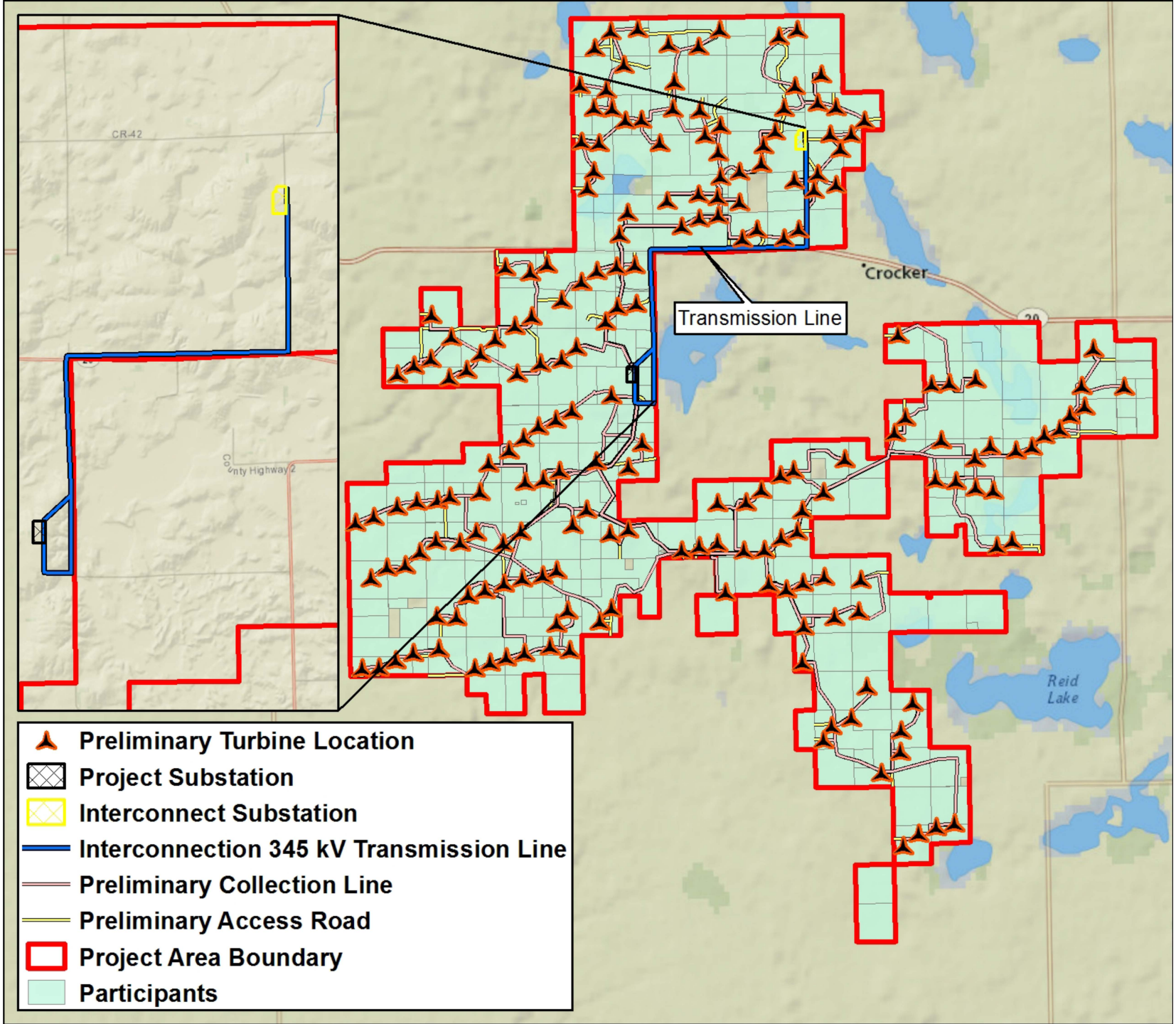
PROJECT DETAILS

- Up to 400 MW
- Up to 200 turbines, depending on model selected
  - Maximum height of 500 feet
  - Maximum rotor diameter of 446 feet
- Underground 34.5 kV collection system
- Access Roads
- MET Towers
- Transmission Line Route ~ 6.5 miles of 345 kV interconnecting to the Basin Electric Groton-to-Watertown transmission line

Project Location/Schedule

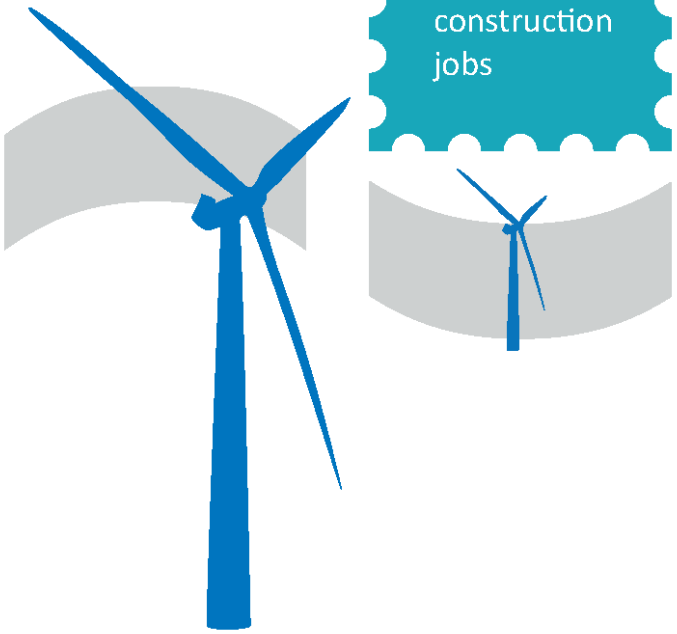


- Located near Crocker in Spring Valley, Warren, Ash, Woodland and Cottonwood Townships
- Project area ~ 30,000 acres
- ~60 participating landowners
- Project facilities will be located on ~237 acres, less than 1% of project area
- Targeting construction as early as the third quarter of 2018
  - ~12-18 months to construct
  - COD end of 2019


CR-42
County Highway 2
Crocker
Transmission Line
Reid Lake
Preliminary Turbine Location
Project Substation
Interconnect Substation
Interconnection 345 kV Transmission Line
Preliminary Collection Line
Preliminary Access Road
Project Area Boundary
Participants

Economic Benefits
(based on 400 MW project)

Capital Infrastructure Investment roughly **$600 million**



~250 temporary construction jobs

~$46 million over 20 years
(~$2.3 million average per year)
Landowner Payments to participating landowners

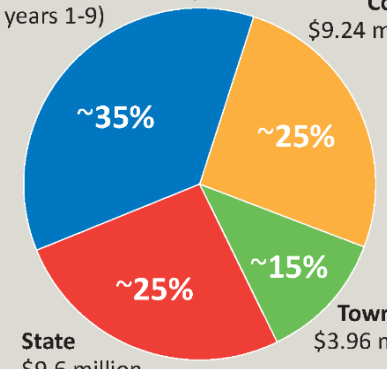
~$1.6 million over 20 years
($80,000 per year)
Community Fund

10-20 Full-time Jobs
(up to $24 million in wages over 20 years)

Tax Revenue

~$36+ million over 20 years
(~$1.8 million per year)

School Districts (state and local impact)
$13.2 million total
(includes $4.6 million additional local impact in years 1-9)



Economic Benefits – Community Fund

WHAT IS IT?

- 501(c)(3) organization
- Guarantees annual payments for 20 years of an operational wind farm
- Purpose: provide charitable funds from the project to the local project area
- Up to $80,000 per year for a 400 MW project
  - $20,000 per year for every 100 MW
- Spending of the fund is fully controlled and advised by a nominated board of signed landowners and/or members of the community.

What have other project communities done with these funds?

- Purchased new fire truck and ambulance
- Provided scholarships
- Provided local business grants
- Improved or built city and school parks
- *And more!*

Project Development Milestones

SECURE SITE

- Land acquisition is complete through voluntary lease agreements with landowners

COLLECT DATA

- Three meteorological towers in the Project Area with years of data

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

- Existing agreement allows project to connect to the transmission grid

IDENTIFY EXISTING CONSTRAINTS

- Regulatory, existing infrastructure including transmission, roads, etc.

PRELIMINARY LAYOUT

Project Development Milestones (cont.)

FIELD STUDIES

- ~90% complete, includes field review and environmental studies

LANDOWNER INPUT

- Meetings for feedback on facility locations

SECURE PERMITS

- Local, state, and federal

FINALIZE LAYOUT

- Select turbine and complete geo-technical studies

SELL POWER

- Power will be sold under a PPA or potentially owned by a utility

Public Infrastructure

Prior to construction coordination/ agreements will occur to ensure safety and minimize impacts.

- ITC, rural water, pipelines, residential electrical services
- SD PUC Road Bond
- County/Township Road Agreements:
  - Pre-construction conditions
  - Modifications for construction
  - Terms for maintenance/cost reimbursement
  - Post-construction restoration

Key Parts of Wind Farm Construction

- Access Roads
- Foundations
- Delivery of Equipment
- Erection of Turbines
- Collector System
- Substation
- Transmission Line
- Restoration and Repair

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Access Roads

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Delivery

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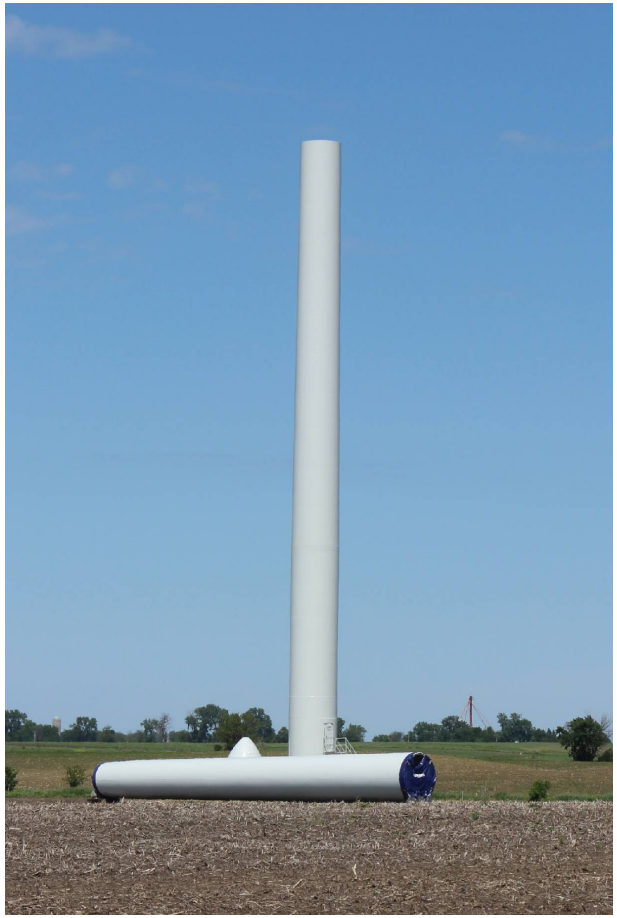
Erection



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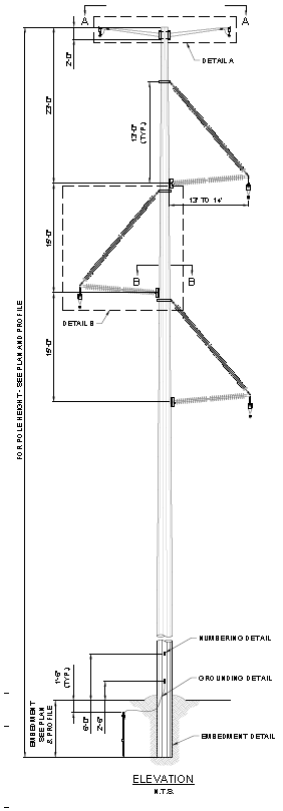
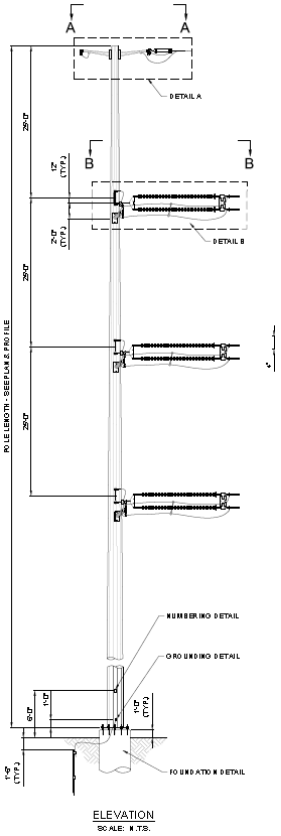
Typical Single Circuit Pole



Typical Deadend Single Circuit Pole



Key Parts of Wind Farm Construction

Restoration

Decommissioning

At the end of commercial operation, project owner is responsible for removing facilities:

- Turbine removal
- Underground collection
- Substation and interconnection facilities
- Turbine and substation foundation removal
- Access roads
- Financial assurance will be provided as required by permits and applicable law

Thank you!

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