



BRIE ANDERSON, M.S.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ms. Brie Anderson is a Senior Project Manager with over 13 years of environmental consulting experience in the energy industry. Brie leads local, state, and federal permitting processes for wind, solar, and transmission line throughout the upper Midwest. She has assisted renewable energy developers in acquiring permits for over 2.5 gigawatts of wind and solar energy since 2016. She specializes in natural resource issues related to energy development. Additionally, her extensive GIS background has proven to make a key difference in managing projects. She understands the complex analyses, data conversion, and data management associated with Projects as they evolve through the development process. Brie has also provided expert witness testimony for wind and solar projects.

SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Harmony Solar Project, Cass County, North Dakota (2018-2019)

Project Manager leading development of a Certificate of Site Compatibility to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for a 200-megawatt solar project. The Project was the first utility scale solar project in North Dakota. Ms. Anderson led the environmental analysis and provided expert witness testimony at the evidentiary hearing.

Regal Solar Project, Benton County, Minnesota (2019-present)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a 100-megawatt solar project. Ms. Anderson led the environmental permitting effort and will provide expert witness testimony at the evidentiary hearing.

Elk Creek Solar Project, Rock County, Minnesota (2019-present)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for an 80-megawatt solar project. Ms. Anderson led the environmental permitting effort and will provide expert witness testimony at the evidentiary hearing.

Confidential Solar Project, Cottonwood County, Minnesota (2019-present)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a 75-megawatt solar project. Ms. Anderson is leading the environmental permitting effort and will provide expert witness testimony at the evidentiary hearing.

Crocker Wind Farm, Clark County, South Dakota (2016-2019)

Project Manager leading development of a Facility Permit to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for a 400-megawatt large wind energy conversion facility and associated 6.5-mile 345 kV transmission line. The Project included four turbine models under consideration and supporting environmental analyses for each, including noise, shadow flicker, wildlife, rare and unique natural resources, recreation, soils, geology, cultural resources, socio-economics, land-based economies, and surface waters. Ms. Anderson also provided expert witness testimony at the evidentiary hearing in May 2018.



Ms. Anderson also managed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project that tiered off the Upper Great Plains Wind Energy Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to allow placement of proposed facilities on USFWS grassland easement lands. This Project was the first to utilize the PEIS to place wind project facilities on grassland easements. Brie led agency coordination with the USFWS, drafting of the EA, recording and responding to public comments, and finalizing the EA.

Plum Creek Wind Farm, Cottonwood, Redwood, and Murray Counties, Minnesota (2018- present)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a 414-megawatt large wind energy conversion facility and Route Permit Application for approximately 30 miles of 345 kV transmission. The Project includes three turbine models under consideration and supporting environmental analyses for each, including noise, shadow flicker, wildlife, rare and unique natural resources, recreation, soils, geology, cultural resources, socioeconomics, land-based economies, and surface waters.

Blazing Star and Blazing Star 2 Wind Farms, Lincoln County, Minnesota (2016-2020)

Project Manager leading development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for two-phase 400-megawatt large wind energy conversion facility and Route Permit Application for 7.5 miles of 115 kV transmission. The Project included four turbine models under consideration and supporting environmental analyses for each, including noise, shadow flicker, wildlife, rare and unique natural resources, recreation, soils, geology, cultural resources, socioeconomics, land-based economies, and surface waters. Project Manager leading a Site Permit Amendment to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Bitter Root Wind Farm, Lincoln County, Minnesota (2016-2018)

Biological lead in development of a Site Permit Application to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a large wind energy conversion facility and associated transmission line. Responsible for several environmental analyses, including vegetation, surface waters, wetlands, recreation, wildlife, and rare and unique natural resources. Incorporated supporting Tier 3 USFWS Land-based Wind Energy Guideline studies and agency coordination into the Site Permit.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

M.S. Geographical Information Systems for Natural Resources, St. Mary's University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 2015

B.S., Ecology and Field Biology with an emphasis in Wildlife Biology, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Minor; St. Cloud State University, 2006. Magna Cum Laude.