

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. E-2412
of Grande Prairie Wind, LLC,)
Edina, Minnesota, seeking)
authority to construct, operate) GRANTED
and maintain electric)
transmission lines in Holt)
County.) Entered: April 12, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 10, 2016, Grande Prairie Wind LLC, (Applicant), of Edina, Minnesota, filed an application with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission), seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission lines in Holt County having a voltage in excess of 700 volts.

On January 27, 2015, the Commission approved the Applicant's application for authority to construct, operate and maintain an aboveground electric transmission line and underground collector lines for the project.¹

Applicant proposes to relocate certain portions of the electric lines and must use different engineering specifications than those proposed in Exhibit B1 and Exhibit B2 part of the previous application.

Applicant now proposes to construct 13.8 miles, 3 phase, 3 wire overhead, 345 kv, Delta connected, electric line in Holt County.

Applicant also proposes to construct 99.16 miles, 3 phase, 4 wire underground, 19.9/34.5 kv, Wye, connected, multigrounded, electric line in Holt County.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Commission finds that:

1. Applicant has filed Route Map GRP-EC-600.01, GRP-EC-200.00 and GRP-ED-600.01 which shows the route of the proposed line, the side of the roadway to be occupied and the location and ownership of all utilities, which may be in conflict, crossed or paralleled by the proposed line.

2. Applicant has filed Specifications (Exhibit B1 and Exhibit B2), which will govern this electric line construction

¹ See Application No. E-2384.

and have sufficient details to portray the type and manner of the construction for the proposed line.

3. In the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed electric transmission line, Applicant will conform to the requirements of the latest edition of the National Electric Safety Code, the laws of the State of Nebraska and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

4. The Nebraska Department of Aeronautics has filed a letter waiving objections to the proposed line. According to the Department of Aeronautics, there is no licensed airport which will be affected by the construction and operation of the electric line proposed.

5. According to the application, utilities which may be affected by the construction and operation of the electric line proposed herein are:

North Central Public Power District, Creighton
NVEMC, O'Neill
CenturyLink, Omaha
Three River Telco, Lynch
Shamrock Gas, Stuart

6. The Applicant has filed documents showing the consent of the involved parties.

The Commission, having considered the filings in this matter and being fully advised in the premises, is of the opinion and finds that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. E-2412 be granted and that Grande Prairie Wind, LLC, Edina, Minnesota, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, operate and maintain the proposed electric transmission line in Holt County in accordance with its application, Route Map (Exhibit A) and Specifications (Exhibit B), which by this reference are made a part hereof, all subject to the Rules and Regulations of this Commission and to the terms and conditions of the waivers filed with this application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an immediate supplemental application be made if it develops that the line will not be

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built in its entirety in accordance with the Commission's order. A supplemental application is required for any and all changes in line routing, voltage and design.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the construction authorized in this order will not be entirely completed within 24 months of the date of this order, Applicant shall apply for an extension of time to complete the authorized construction showing good cause for such extension.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a completion notice shall be filed with this Commission as soon as the proposed line has been completed and is ready to be energized. With this completion notice, there should be a report of any line authorized, which was not built.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of April, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Cristal Knodes
Frank E. Landis

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Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Executive Director