



**KLICKITAT COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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December 28, 2011

Dear Interested Persons:

RE: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement
Lund Hill Wind Energy Project

Pacific Wind Development, a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. proposes to construct and operate the Lund Hill Wind Project (Project) in unincorporated Klickitat County, approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Bickleton. The Project would include up to 30 turbines laid along approximately 7 miles of turbine strings in six segments (six turbine strings), connected by 8 miles of new roads.

A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was issued in April 2011, for a 30-day comment period. The public comment period on the draft EIS began on April 14, 2011 and ran through May 16, 2011. Klickitat County Planning Department has now issued the Final EIS, which reflects departmental consideration of comments received on the draft EIS. The purpose of the final EIS is to identify key, adverse, environmental issues that may result from the proposed Project. The focus of the final EIS is to analyze the issues as they pertain to the proposal and to respond to comments received.

The Department appreciates the contributions made by the reviewers of this EIS. If you would like a copy of the final EIS, please contact the Planning Department at (509) 773-5703 or electronically at planning@co.klickitat.wa.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curt Dreyer".

Curt Dreyer
Planning Director
SEPA Responsible Official

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS) AND
ADOPTION NOTICE FOR
LUND HILL WIND ENERGY PROJECT**

DATE OF ISSUANCE:

December 28, 2011

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Lund Hill Wind Project (Project) is being released for public review.

PROPONENT:

Pacific Wind Development, a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project would consist of up to 30 wind turbines, each generating between 1.5 and 3.0 megawatts (MW) of electricity, for a total proposed generating capacity of up to 60 megawatts (MW). The final number of turbines (not to exceed 30 wind turbines) would depend on the availability of different turbine types and other factors. The project would be constructed in a single phase along approximately 7 miles of turbine strings in six segments, connected by 8 miles of new roads. A 34.5-kilovolt (kV) collector cable system would be constructed linking each turbine to the next. This collector system would consist of approximately 5 miles of overhead cables and 9 miles of underground cables. An operations and maintenance (O&M) facility would be constructed on approximately 5 acres of land near the intersection of Gadeberg Road and Dot Road.

Power from the project site would be transferred at 34.5 kV to a substation located approximately 3.5 miles southeast of the project boundary. This substation, permitted as part of the Juniper Canyon Phase 2 Wind Project, would increase the voltage from 34.5 kV to 230 kV. Power would then be transmitted using the Juniper Canyon Phase 2 transmission lines approximately 7.5 miles south-southeast to the Bonneville Power Administration's planned Wood Creek Substation.

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:

The Project area is located approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Bickleton, Washington, in eastern Klickitat County and entirely within the Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ) in unincorporated Klickitat County.

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The final EIS includes a number of updates and revisions made to the DEIS, including corrections and modifications to the draft EIS text in response to comments received regarding the Project and the draft EIS.

ADOPTION AND INCORPORATION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

The Klickitat County Energy Overlay FEIS (Sept. 2004) is adopted as part of this FEIS, as explained in the notice of adoption issued with this notice. The following five additional EISs on wind development projects within the County are incorporated by reference: (1) Windy Point II Wind Energy Project EIS;

(2) Harvest Wind Project EIS; (3) Imrie Wind Project EIS; (4) Juniper Canyon Wind Project EIS and (5) School Section Wind Project EIS.

AVAILABILITY OF FEIS COPIES (Including EIS's Adopted and Incorporated by Reference):

Copies can be reviewed at the Klickitat County Planning Department or Goldendale Community Library. Electronic copies are available on CD (compact disk) from the Planning Department for \$5.00.

APPEAL:

Any appeals of this decision must be filed under the County SEPA ordinance's provision for appeals of an EIS. Any appeal is therefore due no later than twenty-one days from the date of final EIS issuance. Appeals shall be in writing and filed with the County Auditor. Appeals shall state with specificity the basis for the appeal and the errors to be asserted to the Board. Appeals shall not be deemed complete without payment of the appeal fee applicable to Class C projects, payable to the Klickitat County Planning Department.

APPEAL PERIOD ENDS:

Appeal of an FEIS may be filed until January 19, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

**WAC 197-11-965 Adoption notice
for the
Lund Hill Wind Energy Project**

Adoption for (check appropriate box) DNS EIS

Description of current proposal: The Lund Hill Wind Energy Project (the “Project”) is a proposed wind energy generation facility consisting of wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure, including access roads and transmission lines. The Project would have a maximum total generating capacity of 60 megawatts (MW).

Proponent: Pacific Wind Development, a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, Inc.

Location of current proposal: The project consists of a 60-MW wind energy facility located in Klickitat County, southwest of Bickleton, Washington, in Klickitat County.

Title of documents being adopted:

- 1) *Klickitat County Energy Overlay Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Klickitat County, Aug. 2003); and*
- 2) *Klickitat County Energy Overlay Final Environmental Impact Statement (Klickitat County, Sept. 2004), as supplemented by Addenda, (the draft and final Overlay EISs are referred to jointly as the “EOZ FEIS”).*

Agency that prepared documents being adopted: Klickitat County Planning Department.

Date adopted documents were prepared: Issue dates are provided above.

Description of documents (or portion) being adopted:

EOZ FEIS. The EOZ FEIS is a programmatic environmental impact statement that was prepared to examine environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures for development of energy projects generally, including wind energy projects, at various locations within Klickitat County and under various permitting procedures. Based on the EOZ FEIS, Klickitat County adopted its Energy Overlay Zone ordinance, which designated areas of the County where wind energy projects could be permitted outright through an administrative process subject to specified development, use and construction standards. The Lund Hill Wind Energy Project is located within the designated EOZ area and proposes to incorporate the EOZ standards. Additional reviews have since been completed for wind development within the County, including avian/bat cumulative impacts analysis, which were added to the FEIS by Addendum. It is the County Planning Department’s intent that the EOZ EIS be considered in reviewing wind development applications.

The adopted documents are supplemented by an environmental impact statement for the Project.

If the documents being adopted have been challenged (WAC [197-11-630](#)), please describe:

The adequacy of the EOZ FEIS was challenged in 2005 in an appeal to the Klickitat County Board of County Commissioners. The County and the appellants reached a settlement before a decision on the merits, and the appellants withdrew their appeal.

The documents are available to be read during normal business hours at Klickitat County Planning Department, 228 West Main Street, Goldendale, WA or Goldendale Community Library, 131 West Burgen Street, Goldendale, WA 98620

We have identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The documents meet our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

Incorporation by Reference

This FEIS also incorporates by reference the following environmental review documents:

- Windy Point II Wind Energy Project EIS (March – 2009)
- Harvest Wind Project EIS (March - 2009)
- Imrie Wind Project EIS (June – 2009)
- Juniper Canyon Project EIS (January - 2010; Addendum September -2010)
- School Section Project EIS (September - 2010)

The documents are on file with the Klickitat County Planning Department.

Name of agency adopting documents: Klickitat County Planning Department

Contact person, if other than responsible official N/A

Responsible official: Curt Dreyer

Position/title: Klickitat County Planning Director **Phone:** (509) 773-5703

Address: 228 West Main, MS: CH-17, Goldendale, WA 98620

Date: December 28, 2011 **Signature:** 

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