



September 20, 2010

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Re: Layout approval for Lower Davenport portion of Windy Point

Dear Curt:

Enclosed are materials for your office's review of Windy Point Partners, LLC's ("WPP's") build-out of the southeast portion of the Windy Point Project ("Project"). WPP refers to this portion of the Project as the "Lower Davenport area." Specifically, this letter is to support the Planning Department's review and approval of three aspects of Lower Davenport: (1) delineation reports to support micro-siting under condition 93 of the Project EOZ permit; (2) the Lower Davenport area layout, including a minor project area revision under the Energy Overlay Ordinance; and (3) the proposed overhead configuration for collection lines.

WPP Condition # 93: Follow-up Field Surveys for Layout Changes. In anticipation of developing the Lower Davenport area, WPP has reconfigured the proposed turbine layout. The enclosed "Lower Davenport Site Plan" diagram depicts the current proposal. As modified, the area would have 17 instead of 24 wind turbines, and the strings would differ somewhat in their shape and specific footprint. Another enclosed diagram, labeled "Lower Davenport Comparison to 2006 Layout," depicts the current proposed site layout compared to the originally proposed layout.

Condition 93 of the Project EOZ permit requires that construction in any areas not previously delineated be preceded by field surveys, and that the survey results be documented and submitted to the County prior to construction. WPP's consultants have completed field surveys in the previously unsurveyed areas, and the resulting reports are enclosed. Ecology & Environment, Inc., addressed critical areas and habitat, and Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc., addressed cultural resources. Based on the findings of these reports, Lower Davenport area layout can be developed without adversely affecting protected resources. We believe these reports provide the information required under condition 93, and we would

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appreciate your review. Please let us know if anything further is required under this condition.

Layout Approval. The County recently amended the EOZ Ordinance to require the Planning Director's approval of the final site layout. KCC 19.39:5.C.3. WPP submits the enclosed layout for review and approval under this EOZ amendment. The EOZ amendment also calls for Planning Director approval of any minor revision to the area included in a Permit. KCC 19.39:5.D. The proposed Lower Davenport area would include two such tracts, which combined total slightly less than 160 acres. These are depicted by an enclosed diagram ("Two Tracts Added to Lower Davenport") and legal descriptions of the tracts are also enclosed. Other than these tracts within Lower Davenport, WPP has not added land to the originally permitted Windy Point project land. The tracts proposed for addition are adjacent to the originally permitted area. They consist of grazing lands. Due to proximity to the original lands and similar character, they are consistent with the Project EOZ Permit conditions and do not constitute a deviation from the Project EOZ Permit. Inclusion of these additional two tracts (both of which are owned by Davenport Ranches, Inc.) would allow for development of five turbine sites. As noted above, however, even with these additional five sites, the total number for the Lower Davenport area would be less than originally proposed (17 instead of 24). And, with the proposed build-out of Lower Davenport, the total of turbines and megawatts developed under the Windy Point EOZ permit would still be well below the originally permitted levels. The Windy Point EOZ Permit allowed for 242.5 MW and 97 wind turbines, but with the proposed Lower Davenport layout, Windy Point would have a total of 82 developed turbines capable of producing approximately 182.5 MW.

WPP understands that under the recently amended EOZ ordinance, notification of the layout review is to be given to those requesting notice with respect to the Windy Point Project. Also, the amendments require that notice be given to owners of land within 300 feet of any land added to a wind project as a minor revision of project area. To facilitate this notification, we enclose the names and addresses of owners of land within 300 feet of the leased land that includes the area proposed for addition to the project area. This will conservatively include owners whose land is buffered from the actual development area by other property owned by Davenport Ranches, Inc., that will not be within the Windy Point Permit.

Collection line configuration. As shown by the enclosed Lower Davenport Site Plan, the turbines proposed for the Lower Davenport area would be interconnected at the existing Energizer Substation on Hoctor Road. There would be no new substation with the Lower Davenport area. A 34.5 kV power line would be built to transmit power generated by the Lower Davenport area to the Energizer Substation. Due to the steep terrain and the erodability of soils found in the Lower Davenport area, which are documented in the attached letter from Shannon & Wilson, WPP proposes using an overhead (rather than underground) line configuration for the collection lines running between turbines and up the ridge to the Energizer Substation. This overhead line would be of wooden, single-pole construction with three strands of electrical cables. A photograph of an example is enclosed. The overhead configuration would enable WPP to minimize trenching and soil disturbance otherwise

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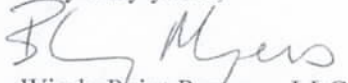
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caused by underground installation, in particular to the drainages between turbine strings. The lengths of the various overhead line segments are identified in the enclosed Shannon & Wilson letter. As noted in the enclosed letter from Davenport Ranches, Inc., the landowner of the Lower Davenport area prefers the above-ground configuration. EOZ Permit Condition 37 calls for collection lines between turbines to be undergrounded wherever feasible. WDFW's windpower guidelines (2009, Section 2.1) also recognize that overhead lines can be acceptable in situations where environmental conditions such as topography or soil conditions warrant. Although the other portions of Windy Point were able to be constructed with undergrounded collection lines, undergrounding is not feasible in the Lower Davenport area due to the topography and soils conditions. WPP asks that the Planning Director please review this issue and indicate whether the County will permit with the overhead collection configuration under these circumstances.

Development plans and schedule. WPP hopes to begin construction of site roads in October 2010. In the time leading up to construction, WPP will be working with the Planning Department to satisfy the Project EOZ Permit's various pre-construction requirements. Before building permits can issue for project turbine foundations, WPP will submit a proposed decommissioning plan and road haul agreement in accordance with the EOZ Permit. In addition, WPP is working with WSDOT and the County Public Works Department on construction access plans and the road upgrades needed to accommodate the construction phase of the project, which is likely to begin during 2011.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information to address these three questions. Thank you for your attention to this.

Very truly yours,



Windy Point Partners, LLC

Enclosures:

Lower Davenport Site Plan
Lower Davenport Comparison to 2006 Layout
Two Tracts Added to Lower Davenport
Legal description of two tracts added to permitted area
Critical Areas Analysis for the Windy Point Wind Farm, Lower Davenport Adjustment
(Ecology & Environment, Inc., Aug. 31, 2010)
Archaeological and Historic Resource Survey for the Windy Point Wind Energy Project,
Lower Davenport Area, (AINW, Sept. 15, 2010) (delivered separately)
Shannon & Wilson, Inc., letter regarding collection line configuration (Aug. 5, 2010)
Davenport Ranches letter regarding collection line
Photograph of typical single pole 34.5 kV overhead line configuration
Property owners within 300 feet of property parcels