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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin's Certification and
Registration of Courtenay Wind Farm as a Renewable Energy Facility

4220-RF-256

ORDER

On December 1, 2016, Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin (NSPW or applicant) requested that the Commission certify Courtenay Wind Farm as a renewable facility. This 200 megawatt (MW) wind generating facility was placed in service on December 1, 2016, is owned by Northern States Power Company, and is operated by Xcel Energy. The Courtenay Wind Farm facility has met the Commission's criteria for certification as a renewable facility specified in Wis. Admin. Code §§ PSC 118.03(1) and 118.05 because: 1) electricity is generated using a renewable resource; 2) the applicant has completed the Renewable Facility Registration Report, Form 6025; and 3) the applicant has demonstrated that the facility's output is physically metered.

The Commission has authority under Wis. Stat. § 15.02(4) to delegate to the Administrator of the Division of Energy Regulation those functions vested by law. The Commission has delegated authority to the administrator of the Division of Energy Regulation to certify renewable facilities pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 118.05. The facility listed below is certified by the Commission as a renewable facility subject to the terms of this order.

Unit Number	Facility Number	Facility Name	Location	Registration Date	Capacity
1940	0621	Courtenay Wind Farm	Courtenay, ND	December 1, 2016	200 MW

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Under Wis. Stat. § 196.378(1)(o), and Wis. Admin. Code §§ PSC 118.02(10) and 118.05(1)(c), for generation occurring up to 60 days before the application date of December 1, 2016, that portion of the energy from the Courtenay Wind Farm facility sold by a Wisconsin electric provider to a Wisconsin retail customer may be used to satisfy the Wisconsin renewable portfolio standard under Wis. Stat. § 196.378(2)(a)2. or to create renewable resource credits.

NSPW shall be entitled to the renewable resource credits and other environmental attributes associated with the energy generated by the Courtenay Wind Farm to the extent Wisconsin retail customers have paid for the energy, renewable resource credits and other environmental attributes from that facility, consistent with the Interchange Agreement between NSPW and Northern States Power Company-Minnesota as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. For purposes of this Order, environmental attributes include, but are not limited to, any environmental credits, benefits, emissions reductions, offsets, allowances, or other benefits created under any existing or future statutory or regulatory scheme by virtue of the facility's actual energy production or the facility's energy production capability because of the facility's environmental or renewable characteristics or attributes. If NSPW sells or transfers any renewable resource credits or environmental attributes to which it is entitled, it shall, in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 116.02(1)(g) and (h), include any resulting credits in its calculation of fuel costs.

In order for NSPW to use energy produced by the Courtenay Wind Farm facility to create renewable resource credits pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.378(3), the monthly energy (megawatt-hours) produced by the facility must be reported to a regional renewable resource credit tracking system operating pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.378(3)(a)1. and Wis. Admin. Code

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§ PSC 118.06. If there is a change in operating capacity or status of the facility, or if NSPW is no longer taking energy from the facility, it shall promptly notify the Commission in writing.

The facility, unit, and docket numbers listed in this Order shall be used in all future correspondence with the Commission regarding this facility. This Order is effective one day after the date of service. Jurisdiction is retained.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, December 16, 2016.

For the Commission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey J. Ripp', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeffrey J. Ripp
Administrator
Division of Energy Regulation

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See attached Notice of Rights

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**NOTICE OF RIGHTS FOR REHEARING OR JUDICIAL REVIEW, THE
TIMES ALLOWED FOR EACH, AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE
PARTY TO BE NAMED AS RESPONDENT**

The following notice is served on you as part of the Commission's written decision. This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with Wis. Stat. § 227.48(2), and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

PETITION FOR REHEARING

If this decision is an order following a contested case proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3), a person aggrieved by the decision has a right to petition the Commission for rehearing within 20 days of the date of service of this decision, as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.49. The date of service is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of service is shown immediately above the signature line. The petition for rehearing must be filed with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and served on the parties. An appeal of this decision may also be taken directly to circuit court through the filing of a petition for judicial review. It is not necessary to first petition for rehearing.

PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

A person aggrieved by this decision has a right to petition for judicial review as provided in Wis. Stat. § 227.53. In a contested case, the petition must be filed in circuit court and served upon the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin within 30 days of the date of service of this decision if there has been no petition for rehearing. If a timely petition for rehearing has been filed, the petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days of the date of service of the order finally disposing of the petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition of the petition for rehearing by operation of law pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.49(5), whichever is sooner. If an *untimely* petition for rehearing is filed, the 30-day period to petition for judicial review commences the date the Commission serves its original decision.¹ The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

If this decision is an order denying rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not permitted.

Revised: March 27, 2013

¹ See *Currier v. Wisconsin Dep't of Revenue*, 2006 WI App 12, 288 Wis. 2d 693, 709 N.W.2d 520.