

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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In the Matter of the Application of
AWA Goodhue Wind, LLC, for a
Large Wind Energy Conversion System
Site Permit for the 78 MW Goodhue Wind
Project in Goodhue County

OAH: 3-2500-21662-2
PUC: IP-6701/WS-08-1233

GOODHUE WIND TRUTH'S

PETITION/MOTION FOR REOPENING BASED ON NEW INFORMATION

New information regarding sound of wind projects was filed in the Bent Tree Wind Project docket days before the Commission met regarding the AWA Goodhue Wind Project on June 30, 2011. Goodhue Wind Truth requests that the Commission reopen the AWA Goodhue docket and consider the information regarding sound levels in the Bent Tree Wind Project docket.

The Bent Tree information is Wisconsin Power and Light Company's (WPL) Operational Sound Level Survey Test Protocol for the Bent Tree Wind Project. This sound survey was a condition to the Bent Tree permit, and the sound survey is the first in Minnesota to report on 06/21/2011 [20116-63863-01](#) PUBLIC 08-573 WS WISCONSIN POWER & LIGHT COMPANY COMPLIANCE FILING--OPERATIONAL SOUND LEVEL SURVEY PART 1 OF 2 06/21/2011

[20116-63863-02](#) PUBLIC 08-573 WS WISCONSIN POWER & LIGHT COMPANY COMPLIANCE FILING--OPERATIONAL SOUND LEVEL SURVEY PART 2 OF 2

This information is crucial, as siting a wind turbine must be done correctly. They are so large, and installation is so complicated and expensive, that it is not likely that a turbine would be moved if or when a problem develops. This information is also crucial because it supports what intervenor Goodhue Wind Truth argued, through its sound expert Rick James – wind turbine noise is greater than what developers predict with their modeling based on faulty assumptions, and the character of the noise of wind turbines, when combined with typical background noise, is annoying and injurious to neighbors.

Goodhue Wind Truth requests the Commission reopen this docket based upon this new information not in the record for the Commission’s deliberations and decision in the AWA Goodhue Wind Project docket.

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