



Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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July 14, 2026

Re: Application of Columbia Project, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct, Install, and Operate a Wind Electric Generating Facility Capable of Generating Up to 277 MW, Known as the Columbia Wind Project in the Towns of Columbus, Hampden, Leeds, Fountain Prairie, Lowville, Otsego, Courtland, and Springvale, and the Village of Doylestown, Columbia County, Wisconsin 9836-CE-100

To the Person Addressed:

The Public Service Commission (Commission) received an application from Columbia Project, LLC (applicant) for the construction of the Columbia Wind Project (project) in the Towns of Columbus, Hampden, Leeds, Fountain Prairie, Lowville, Otsego, Courtland, and Springvale, and the Village of Doylestown in Columbia County, Wisconsin. ([PSC REF#: 582364](#).) The proposed wind electric generating facility would be composed of up to 47 wind turbine generators, each with an individual generation capacity of 5.9 MW, collectively capable of generating up to approximately 277 MW. The proposed project would also include a project substation, an operations and maintenance facility, electrical collection lines, access roads, crane paths and pads, a laydown yard, Aircraft Detection Lighting System, and meteorological towers. The proposed generating facility would interconnect to the existing electrical grid via a switchyard substation that would be separately designed, permitted, constructed, owned, and operated by American Transmission Company LLC.

The Commission is sending this letter to property owners near the proposed generating facility and associated facilities, as well as individuals who have asked to be placed on our mailing list or have expressed interest in the project. It is also being sent to public officials in the project area. If you are a municipal clerk and receive this letter, please post it in a location where it can be viewed by the public.

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice that the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Columbia Wind Project is available, and to describe how you can view or obtain a copy of the draft EIS.

The purpose of the draft and final EIS documents is to provide decision makers, the public, and other stakeholders with an analysis of the socio-economic, cultural, and environmental impacts that could result from the construction and operation of the proposed project. The draft EIS describes both quantifiable (e.g. acres likely to be impacted) and unquantifiable (e.g. effect on

aesthetics) impacts to the environment. The document has been prepared jointly by the Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

You are encouraged to comment on this draft EIS. The state agency comment period on this draft EIS ends on **Friday, August 28, 2026**. Please use the PSC docket number 9836-CE-100 on all correspondence.

Written comments should be addressed to:

Olivia Poelmann
Environmental Review Coordinator
Public Service Commission
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Comments may also be submitted electronically at the Commission's website at <https://psc.wi.gov>. Once at the site, click on the "File a Public Comment" link under E-Services at the bottom of the page. On the next page select the "File a comment" link that appears on the left side of the page. Locate the Columbia Wind docket (9836-CE-100) and file a comment.

Please note that comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's Electronic Records Filing System. Personal identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

This a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). Type II actions are proposed actions involving requests for Commission approval that have the potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment, within the meaning of s. 1.11 (2) (c), Wis. Stats. However, under Wis Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(1), the Commission shall also prepare an EIS for actions not listed in Table 1 of Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 4 that it determines are Type I actions.

You can access the draft EIS in the following ways:

- All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Records Filing system. To view the draft EIS or any other document: (1) go to the Commission's E-Services Portal at <https://apps.psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "9836-CE-100" in the box labeled "Quick Single Docket Search," and (3) select "Documents."
- To obtain a copy of the draft EIS in another format, please contact the Environmental Review Coordinator, Olivia Poelmann, at (608) 266-5528 or olivia.poelmann@wisconsin.gov.

Comments received during the comment period will be used to prepare the final EIS, which will become part of the record used by the Commission to make its final decisions on this project. At this time, the Commission decision on the proposed project is expected in the first quarter of 2027.

The Commission decision on the merits of this project will be based on the record of public and party hearings that will be held about 30 days after the final EIS is issued. The hearing will satisfy the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) requirements of the Commission and DNR. The final EIS and testimony from the public and party hearings will be included in the docket record.

If necessary, DNR will hold separate hearings on its water permits or other DNR regulatory actions discussed in this draft EIS.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Environmental Review Coordinator, Olivia Poelmann, at (608) 266-5528 or olivia.poelmann@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SR Rumschlag", written in a cursive style.

Samuel Rumschlag
WEPA Coordinator
Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs

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