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FERC Approves Wind Farm Settlement

Introduction

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has approved a settlement that will help pave the way for the operation of a 180-megawatt wind project in Dickey and McIntosh Counties, North Dakota and McPherson County, South Dakota – a region rich in potential for wind development.

The parties agreeing to the settlement are the Midwest Independent Transmission System (Midwest ISO), Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (MDU), the United States Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration (Western) and Tatanka Wind Power, LLC, successor to Dakota Wind Harvest, LLC.

Background and Order

The settlement resolves all of the issues raised by Dakota's Wind's March 2007 complaint relating to its need for a Balancing Authority in order to begin operations. Under FERC's generation interconnection rules, a Balancing Authority is needed by the wind project in order to comply with reliability standards and regulations.

Although the wind project will be interconnected with MDU, it is unable to provide the needed Balancing Authority services.

Under the settlement terms, Tatanka and Northern States Power (NSP) agree that NSP will serve as the Balancing Authority on behalf of Tatanka on an interim basis. The agreement will terminate on the date the Midwest ISO is able to provide such services, or December 31, 2009, whichever occurs first. The settlement also specifies that NSP, Tatanka, MDU and Western enter into a Data Sharing and Coordination Agreement to share and coordinate operational information.