



WIND CURRENTS NEWSLETTER



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WILD ROSE 2 WIND POWER PROJECT

Hello everyone, this is an information newsletter for the Wild Rose 2 Wind Power Project ("The Project"). The Project is located in southeast Alberta, entirely in Cypress County, and is being developed by NaturEner Wild Rose 2 Energy Inc. ("NaturEner"). We have been very busy this past spring and summer with environmental studies in the Project area. With the results of the field work and with consultation already well underway, we have developed a preliminary Project layout and we want to share it with everyone. If, after reading this newsletter, you have any questions or comments please get in touch with us at the contact information provided on the backside of this newsletter.

Project Overview

The Wild Rose 2 Wind Power Project is located approximately 30 km south of the city of Medicine Hat and 20 km south of the town of Dunmore. The Project will have a total nameplate generating capacity of 175.5 megawatts (MW) and approximately 117 Acciona 1.5 MW turbines. The turbines are 80 metres in height from ground to hub and each blade is 38 metres in length. The Project is situated on over 24,000 acres of privately owned lands spread out on both east and west sides of the Eagle Butte Road, south of Township Road 104 but remaining north of Township Road 90. The Project will include turbines, access roads, underground cables, overhead collector lines and an electrical substation (please see Project layout map).

Spring and Summer Environmental Studies

Wildlife and vegetation studies were performed for the Project area this past spring and summer. Bird surveys included the identification of ferruginous hawk nests, Swainson's Hawk nests and Sharp-tailed grouse leks, among other sensitive features. Sensitive prairie was also surveyed and natural wetland areas were identified, classified, and avoided in the planning of the wind farm. The results of the surveys were presented to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (ASRD). Their preliminary feedback on the results of the environmental studies resulted in the development of a Project layout map. The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) identifies all of the surveys and evaluates the overall impact of the Project. The draft EIS is ready to be presented to the public at the upcoming open house event scheduled for February 2nd in Dunmore.

Open House for the Wild Rose 2 Wind Power Project

An open house for the Project will be held at the Cypress County Offices in Dunmore, Alberta, on February 2nd, between 3 and 7 PM. Representatives from NaturEner will be on hand to answer questions about the spring and summer environmental studies, the Project layout, the draft EIS, and any other questions about the Project or wind energy in general. Photo simulations will also be presented to provide visual representations of what the Project may eventually look like. Attendees will be asked to fill out comment forms and the results will be used to further refine the Project design. We look forward to seeing you at this open house event.

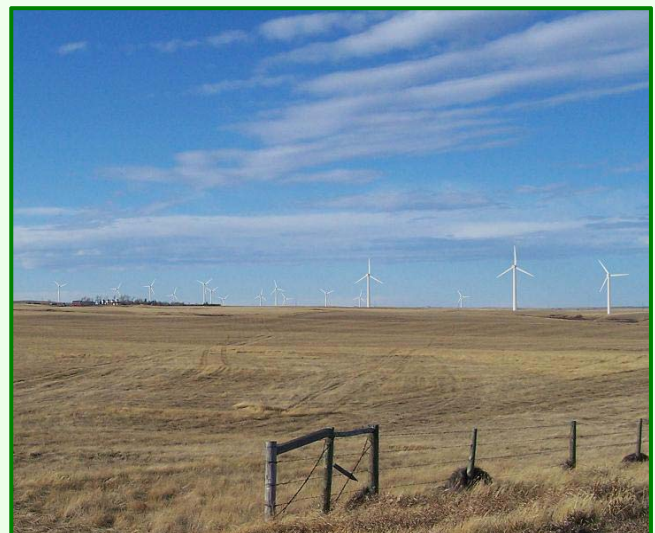


Photo-simulations like this one and other Project information will be presented at an Open House in January.

Cypress County Approval for the Wind Energy Facility (WEF) Overlay

The Project consists of approximately 24,000 acres of privately owned lands including some 31 landowners. Three meteorological towers have already been installed and are measuring wind data in the area, and another three towers are scheduled for installation this winter. The lands have been submitted to Cypress County for a land use amendment to allow for a Wind Energy Facility (WEF) district in the area.

Project Area Layout Map

The Project layout is shown on the map included with this information package. The dots represent turbine locations and the substation location is shown in section 25-09-02-W4M. Turbine locations have been extensively studied and take into account the following constraints:

- Bird nesting, breeding and foraging areas
- Noise considerations for nearby dwellings
- Oil and gas wells and pipelines
- Maximizing use of existing land access routes
- Other environmental setbacks (wetlands, coulees, etc)
- Sensitive vegetation areas
- View considerations from the Cypress Hills
- Potential for electromagnetic interference
- Wake effects from nearby turbines

Next Steps

With the environmental and wildlife work complete, a final layout, a draft EIS, consultation and an open house to be held in this winter, and an application in to Cypress County for a land use amendment, the Project is progressing well and will soon reach some key milestones. It is anticipated that a Power Plant application will be ready for submission to the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for regulatory approval within a few months. If AUC approval is obtained by the end of 2010, construction is planned to begin in late 2011 or early 2012.



Benefits of the Project to the Community

We are very happy to have a Project located in Cypress County. The interest and support for the Project has been outstanding. When construction begins on this Project the local and regional benefits will include land royalties for landowners, hundreds of construction jobs and local economic impacts due to the need for construction materials, resources and labour. Once the Project is operational, permanent jobs for operations and maintenance of the Project will create even more opportunities. Municipal taxes and landowner royalties will be paid for at least 40 years, as this is the contractual term of the Project agreements. We continue to work closely with the Medicine Hat Chamber of Commerce (MHCC) and the regional Economic Development Association (EDA) to maintain strong local business relationships. Recently, NaturEner was a finalist candidate for the MHCC community involvement award. We want to ensure that this Project is a complement to the community and that it can contribute to the future prosperity and growth of all of Cypress County for years to come.

Contact Information

For further information or to provide any comments or feedback please contact Lucas Reindler or Ron Galbraith by phone or email. We greatly appreciate your feedback and look forward to hearing from you.

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