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STATE REGULATORS DELIVER ROAD MAP TO COMPLETION OF HIGHLAND WIND PROJECT

*Public Service Commission recommends ways to improve the project, deliver benefits to
Town of Forest and county residents*

(MADISON, Wis.) – The process of securing state regulatory approval for the Highland Wind Farm project took a major step forward as the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) delivered 60 items that need addressing before the project can ultimately be approved.

“The state has given us invaluable direction,” said Jay Munding, spokesman for the Highland project. “We are anxious to address their recommendations so we can complete our application and improve the project for the communities who will ultimately benefit.”

The \$250 million Highland project, as proposed, will generate 102.5 megawatts of electricity from its 41 turbines. An electric substation will also be required to be constructed in the Town of Cylon. Emerging Energies of Wisconsin LLC (www.emerging-energies.us) will be the project developers.

“This is an opportunity to generate more ‘green’ energy as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in land-use payments for landowners and communities,” added Munding. “One of our commitments moving forward is to increase our efforts to explain the incredible benefits this project represents to Wisconsin, St. Croix County and the Towns of Forest and Cylon.”

EEW will have 30 days to respond to the PSCW’s recommendations for “completeness” of the application to build the wind farm. The PSCW will then have at least 6 months to revise or approve the application.

Wind Farm Specifics:

- 26,550 acre project boundary
- 41 turbine sites with 11 additional alternative locations
- 100 + member construction workforce
- 6-8 permanent employees for wind farm operations
- 6,200 acres already under lease from property owners for turbine sites, access roads, distribution lines
- Connects to Xcel Energy’s 161-kilovolt transmission line near Forest-Cylon town line