

# BOARD of COMMISSIONERS

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## RESOLUTION 2016 – 26

### New or Expanding Industry Assessment Bowler Flats Energy Hub LLC

Located between Bridger, Montana, and Warren, Mt. along Railbed Road

WHEREAS, THE Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, Montana, have received an application from the Bowler Flats Energy Hub LLC, c/o of EverPower Wind Holdings, Inc. 1251 Water Front Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a New or Expanding Industry Assessment as allowed under MCA 15-24-1402, and

WHEREAS, THE Bowler Flats Energy Hub LLC plans to build an 80Mw alternative renewable energy source wind generation facility east of Bridger along Railbed Road, T8S, R25E and T9S, R25E, as defined in MCA 15-6-225 with an estimated value of \$20,768,000, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Carbon County Commissioners recognize the value of this new or expanding industry to the property tax valuation of Carbon County and the need for the assessment in order for the project to be successful,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Carbon County Commissioners approve the New or Expanding Industry Assessment allowed for under MCA 15-24-1402, for the Bowler Flats Energy Hub LLC.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2016.

John E. Prinkki, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: Marcia Henigman  
Clerk and Recorder

Doug Tucker, Member

John Grewell, Member



## New or Expanding Industry Classification Application

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Assessment Office Industrial Property

County Carbon

Name of Applicant Bowler Flats Energy Hub LLC

Mailing Address c/o EverPower Wind Holdings, Inc., 1251 Waterfront Place, 3rd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Legal Description of Affected Property See Parcels on the attached "Proposed Transmission System"

1. Date construction permit issued Construction has not started - Permit will be provided once it is approved

(If no permit is required, please specify the date when certificate was issued in lieu of building permit.)

2. This application covers the (expansion/new) construction of the Collection / Transmission for generation  
of electrical energy by means of an alternative renewable energy source (wind) as defined in 15-6-225 plant.

3. Please list the qualifying property below.

Collection Substation, GSU Transformer, and Generator Lead Lines to support three related wind generation

projects: Pryor Caves Wind Project LLC, Mud Springs Wind Project LLC, and Horse Thief Wind Project LLC.

A "Detailed Equipment List" with an estimated list of installed cost is attached.

An actual detailed equipment list with installed costs can be provided post construction.

The "Proposed Transmission System" site plan is also attached.

Please let us know if any other information is required.

Please attach site plat, construction prints and detailed equipment list identifying the above property, along with complete installed costs for each qualifying component.

4. Complete this section only if the application is for a firm that:

- engages in transportation, warehousing or distribution of commercial products, if 50% or more of the gross receipts are earned from outside the state; **or**
- earns 50% or more of its annual gross income from out-of-state sales.

Type of business NA - Qualifies under 15-24-1401(2)(f) - alternative renewable energy

Total gross sales or receipts ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total gross income ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sales and receipts from outside of Montana ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Income earned from sales outside of Montana ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(attach income statements)

Signature of Applicant

Print Name Chris Shears

Date 9-9-16

***This page is completed by taxing jurisdiction.***

A public hearing on the matter of *New or Expanding Industry* resolution for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ plant was held at the \_\_\_\_\_ County  
Courthouse at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

1. Due notice as defined in 76-15-103 was given. True and exact copies of said notices were provided.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. The statutory \$50,000 investment requirement for expansion or modernization has been met.  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. The statutory \$125,000 investment requirement for new improvements or modernized processes has  
been met. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

This application is made under the provisions of 15-24-1402, MCA, and by the resolution adopted  
by the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
(Taxing Jurisdiction)  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_.

We, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title) (Taxing Jurisdiction)  
(approve/disapprove) this application for \_\_\_\_\_.

We find that it (does/does not) conform to the criteria as set forth in the resolution adopted by  
this \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

Approved tax incentive to be implemented beginning in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Assessment Year)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Bowler Flats Energy Hub LLC  
New or Expanding Industry Classification Application  
Other Information

From a discussion with the Centrally Assessed and Industrial Properties department of the Montana Department of Revenue, it is our understanding that the County Commission can indicate in their resolution when the abatement begins. The Taxpayer requests that the resolution indicates the first assessment date after the commercial operation date, so that the abatement is not used on a construction year.

If any additional information is needed, please contact our tax manager.

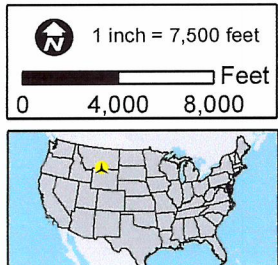
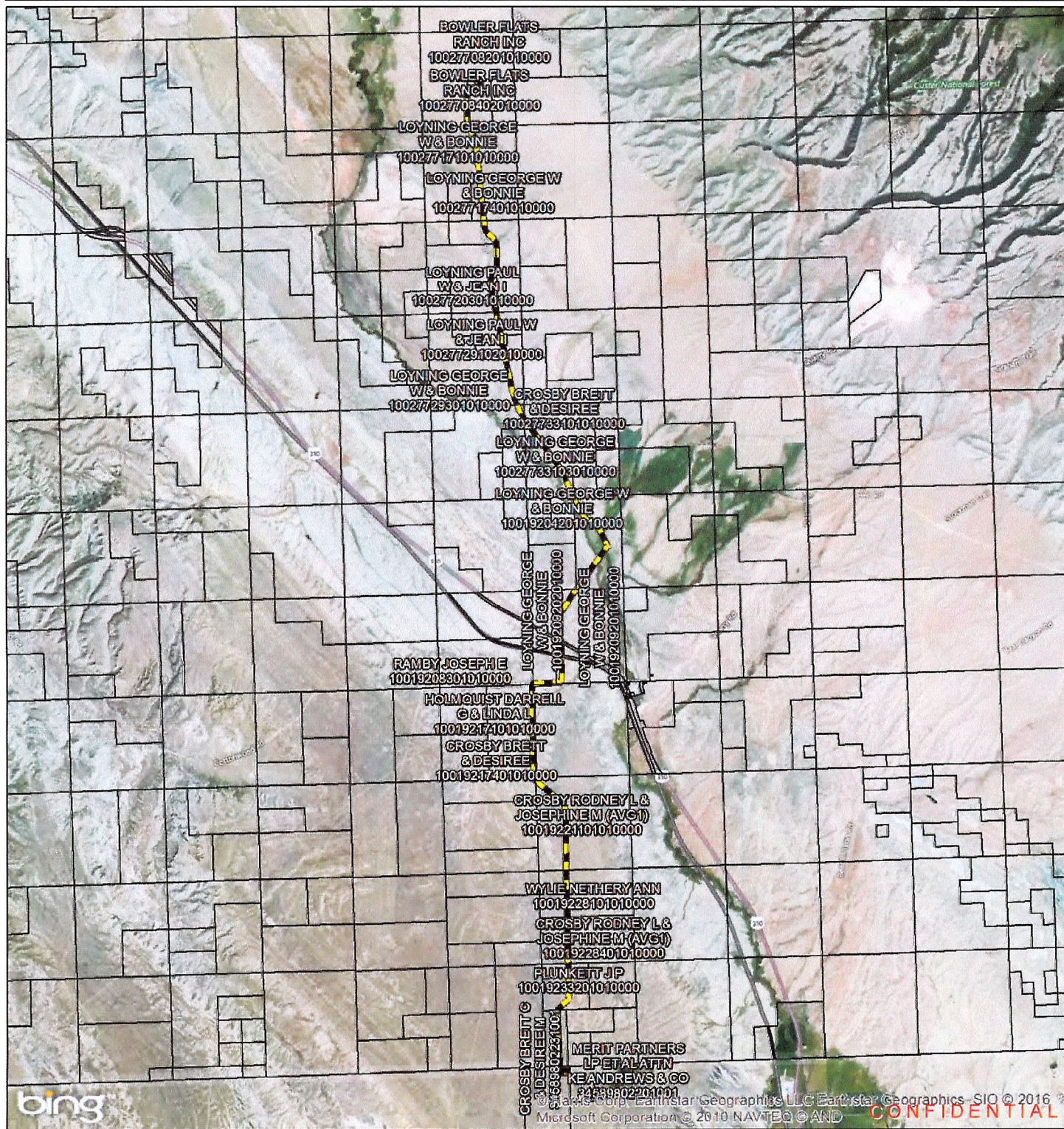
Contact: Phillip Hunt - Tax Manager  
Phone: 412-773-8652  
Email: [phunt@everpower.com](mailto:phunt@everpower.com)

Bowler Flats Energy Hub LLC  
New or Expanding Industry Classification Application  
Detailed Equipment List

The application needs to be approved before construction can begin in order to provide cost certainty.  
Final decision regarding GSU Transformer, Balance of Plant "BOP" contractors, and financing are still being considered.  
Costs listed below are the best internal estimates.  
Costs only include property in Montana. It would exclude the Point of Interconnection "POI" and related costs of \$18M in Wyoming.

Equipment List	Estimated Installed Cost
34.5kV / 230kV Collector Substation - Engineering	385,000
Site Work, Grading, Foundations, Grounding, Equipment, and Fencing	1,870,000
34.5kV / 230 kV Collector Substation - Control Building	1,255,000
34.5kV / 230 kV Collector Substation - Foundations, Equipment, etc.	3,140,000
34.5kV / 230 kV Collector Substation - Start-up, Testing, & Commissioning	180,000
230kV Generator Lead Line	4,879,000
GSU transformer	2,800,000
Procure back up power to collector substation	350,000
Relay / Communications work	1,594,000
Communication T-1 Lines	500,000
Contingency for Cost Overages (5.0%)	848,000
Development	597,000
Pre-Construction & Other	900,000
Financing Fees	1,470,000
<b>Estimated Installed Costs</b>	<b>20,768,000</b>





### Project Infrastructure

- Proposed Transmission Line
- Collector Substation
- POI Substation

### Boundary

- Parcel

Map created by Everpower Wind Holdings, Inc. on September 2, 2016  
Using ESRI ArcGIS Desktop Standard 10.3.1

Projected Coordinate System:  
NAD 1983 UTM Zone 12 North

Information on this map is provided for purposes of discussion and visualization only.  
Sources:  
Carbon County, ESRI, EverPower