

# BOARD of COMMISSIONERS

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## RESOLUTION 2016 – 25

### New or Expanding Industry Assessment Horse Thief Wind Project 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 Horse Thief Wind Project 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 Horse Thief Wind Project LLC plans to build an 80Mw alternative renewable energy source wind generation facility east of Bridger along Railbed Road, T7S, R24E, as defined in MCA 15-6-225 with an estimated value of \$101,281,000, 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 Horse Thief Wind Farm 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 Horse Thief Wind Project 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 Turbine Layout"

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 Horse Thief Wind, an 80MW producer  
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.

Wind Turbine Generators and all related components, Foundations, Crane Pads, Electrical Power Collection  
Systems, Construction Access Roads, Laydown Yards, and Operations and Maintenance Building.

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 Turbine Layout" 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Thief Wind Project LLC  
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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)

Horse Thief Wind Project 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 Wind Turbine Generators "WTG", Balance of Plant "BOP" contractors, and financing are still being considered.  
Costs listed below are the best internal estimates based on 32 Gamesa G114 Wind Turbine Generators with nameplate capacities of 2.5MW each.  
Final costs may vary, especially if a different Wind Turbine Generator is selected.  
Costs also include shared costs with two neighboring projects. Shared costs may vary if the three projects are not built at the same time.  
Proposed Turbine Layouts are also based off 32 Gamesa G114 Wind Turbine Generators.

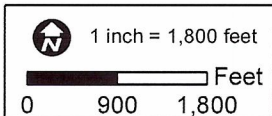
Wind Turbine Generator options considered include but are not limited to:

| Vendor        | Model       | Wind Turbine<br>Generators | Nameplate<br>MW | Total<br>Nameplate<br>MW Capacity |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Gamesa</b> | <b>G114</b> | <b>32</b>                  | <b>2.5</b>      | <b>80.0</b>                       |
| Vestas        | V126        | 24                         | 3.3             | 79.2                              |
| Vestas        | V126/V136   | 24                         | 3.3             | 79.2                              |
| Acciona       | AW-125      | 28                         | 3.0             | 84.0                              |
| Siemens       | SWT-2.3-120 | 36                         | 2.3             | 82.8                              |

| Equipment List   | Estimated<br>Installed Cost |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 32 - Gamesa G114 2.5MW Wind Turbine Generators and Towers      | 71,264,000                  |
| BOP - WTG Foundations & Erection                               | 10,397,000                  |
| BOP - Mobilization, Demobilization, Engr. & General Conditions | 2,433,000                   |
| BOP - Civil & Miscellaneous Work                               | 4,040,000                   |
| BOP - 34.5 kV Collection System                                | 4,311,000                   |
| BOP - Township & County road repairs & improvements            | 381,000                     |
| BOP - Geotech Risk Contingency                                 | 579,000                     |
| BOP - County Concessions                                       | 167,000                     |
| BOP - Office trailer for OEM                                   | 6,000                       |
| BOP - Down tower switchgear GW                                 | 751,000                     |
| BOP - Construction Management                                  | 716,000                     |
| BOP - Building Permits   | 83,000                      |
| Contingency for BOP Cost Overages (5.0%)                       | 1,193,000                   |
| Development  | 996,000                     |
| Pre-Construction & Other                                       | 1,507,000                   |
| Financing Fees   | 2,457,000                   |
| <b>Estimated Installed Costs</b>                               | <b>101,281,000</b>          |



PROPOSED TURBINE LAYOUT  
Horse Thief Wind LLC - Carbon County, MT



### Project Infrastructure

- Proposed Turbine Layout (L48) (32 WTGs)

### 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