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30 MW Wind Energy
Development Grant

Renewable Energy Development
on
Tribal lands

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Discussion Outline

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Project Overview

• CEDS mission is “To attain socio-economic independence through the development of a diversified and self-sustaining culturally appropriate reservation economy.”
• Northern Cheyenne Tribe has completed a wind energy feasibility study funded in 2002.
• The NCT Tribal Council passed a resolution to support a 30Mw wind facility and authorized the development grant application.
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Project Objectives

1. Complete all the development steps and contracts necessary to finance, construct and operate and maintain a 30 Mw wind facility on Tribal Trust Lands.

2. Create maximum economic development through Tribal Ownership, if possible, of resulting projects.
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Project Location

• The Northern Cheyenne Reservation is located in southeastern Montana in Big Horn and Rosebud Counties.
• Tribal headquarters is located in Lame Deer, Montana.
• The wind site is a north-south plateau with an area of approximately 120 square miles.
• Meteorological studies have been conducted for ten years.
• A wind energy feasibility (DOE funded) has been completed.
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Project Location

• Colstrip coal fired power plant is 25 miles to the north.

• Transmission and interconnection study has been completed by Electrical Consultants Inc. (ECI).
  – 30MW to Tongue River can be achieved.

• Site can accommodate a 30 megawatt wind facility locally and a 150+ megawatt facility for export power.
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Project Participants

• Northern Cheyenne Nation
  – Program Director, Joe Little Coyote, Sr.

• Contractor
  – Distributed Generation Systems, Inc. (Disgen)
    • Dale Osborn, President
    • Ed McCarthy- Meteorological studies
    • Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc.-Avian assessment
    • Krista Gordon- Transmission review
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Key Environmental Studies (I)

Completed Phase I Environmental Assessment:
No show-stoppers

Baseline Studies:
Avian Point Counts for Raptors
Raptor Nest Survey
Breeding Bird Survey
Vegetation Survey

Preparing Reports:
Baseline Study Report
Environmental Assessment (EA)
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Key Environmental Studies (II)
Cultural Review

Ethnographic Study:
Interviews with Elders conducted by NCT Members

Class I File and Literature Search

Class III Inventory and Report:
Archeological Survey
Paleontological Survey

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Transmission Analysis

Interconnection analysis completed by Electrical Consultants Inc. (ECI).

The 69kV interconnection will result in significant line losses to Colstrip (6%).

Losses are included in the economic calculations.

Small substation will be required and is included in the economics.
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Required Contracts

• NCT land agreements
• NCT permits
• BIA permits
• Interconnection agreement
• Taxation agreements
• Power sales agreement
• Financing agreements
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Status

• Completed Avian Studies with NCT, USF&WS and BIA
• Conducted several Scoping Meetings
• Completed Interconnection Studies
• Bid into two solicitations, not selected
• Project could be constructed in 2005
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Power Purchase Agreement

- Expect a negotiated PPA with one of three entities
- Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) may be unbundled from physical energy and sold separately
- Premium pricing may be achieved from tribal RECs