

This is the Second Public Open House for the Wind Project, where project staff are available to answer any questions and recieve input from attendees. This process is being undertaken as part of the Alberta Electricity System Operator Request for Proposal process for Round 2/3 of their Renewable Electricity Program. We have prepared a series of boards that outline the Willow Ridge Wind Project. Please feel free to ask questions and fill out our survey.

After this Open House we will be taking your feedback and inputting the information collected into our development and consultation strategy.

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AUGUST 2018

Liberty Power Facility
 Liberty Power Development Project

LEGEND

WHO ARE WE?



- **DEVELOPER:** Liberty Power
- **PROJECT NAME:** Willow Ridge Wind Project
- **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT:** Municipal District of Willow Creek
- **PROJECT SIZE:** Up to 150 MW
- **TURBINE:** Up to 60 Turbines
- **OFFTAKE:** Alberta Electricity System Operator Renewable Energy Procurement Round 2/3 (Up to 300 MW)
- **POINT OF INTERCONNECTION:** • We are investigating nearby 138 kV and 240 kV systems
- **COLLECTION SYSTEM:**
- The collection system will be a combination of underground and/or overheard cables that will be connected to the Willow Ridge Substation.





PROJECT INFORMATION



TIMELINE

Q4 2016	
Q2-Q4 2018	
Q2 2018	
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Q3 2018	
Q3 2018	
Q4 2018	
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Q1 2019	
Q2 2019	

Liberty Power Acquired the Project **Environmental Field Studies** First Open House Request for Qualification (RFQ) Submission **Second Open House** Submission of Municipal Development **Permit Application** Request for Proposal (RFP) Submission Submission of Rule 007 Application to Alberta Utility Commission (AUC) Anticipated Award of Renewable Electricity Support Agreement (RESA) Submission of Environmental Evaluation Report to Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP) Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP) **Approval Anticipated** Alberta Utility Commission Approval Anticipated Start of Construction

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PROJECT MILESTONE

PROJECT TIMELINE





The following plans will be implemented:

Public Health and Safety Plan

Liberty Power has overarching responsibility for public and worker health and safety for the project.

Traffic Management Plan

- Safe management of traffic and delivery of materials along public roads.
- Limiting access to construction sites to minimize hazards to the public.

Emergency Response & Communication Plan

Intended to advise onsite personnel and contractors on the procedures they must follow and how to communicate in the event of an emergency situation during the construction and initial operations phase (pre-commissioning) of the Facility.

Spill Response Plans

environment.

Training for Construction Staff

Emergency Training, etc.

Wind Turbine Manufacturer Safety

- turbine manufacturer.



PROJECT PLANNING

Response (contingency) plan to respond to an accidental release of substances into the

Environmental Identification, Site Safety,

• Wind Turbine Manufacturers implement safety standards in to the wind turbine design process. Project turbines will be supplied by a qualified



SETBACK DISTANCES

 Setbacks from infrastructure, residences and environmental features based on the results of field studies and provincial and municipal requirements.

MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

Distance from Infrastructure

INDUSTRY STANDARDS & PRACTICES Best Practices identified by CANWEA and/or

Liberty/Dillon experience

PROVINCIAL WIND SITING GUIDELINES

Distance from environmental features (AEP Directive)

NOISE

Guidelines set out by the Province of Alberta (Rule 012)

TURBINE SITING REQUIREMENTS

ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION Tabletop & Fieldwork

ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEYS & STUDIES Avoidance of Sensitive Areas (examples: wetlands & sensitive wildlife habitat)

WIND ANALYSIS Speed, Elevation, Direction







The following Environmental Studies have been utilized in the siting process to avoid potential impacts on wildlife and wildlife habitat. These studies began in April 2018 and will be completed by November 2018.

Completed Studies:

- Spring Bird Migration Survey
- Grouse Lek Survey
- Grassland Breeding Bird Survey
- Prairie Raptor Survey
- Spring Acoustic Bat Survey
- Land Cover Verification
- Vegetation Community Assessment
- Wetland Assessment and Classification
- Early Season Rare Plant Survey

Upcoming Studies:

- Fall Bird Migration Survey
- Fall Acoustic Bat Survey
- Late Season Rare Plant Survey



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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES





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BUILDABLE AREAS







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OPEN HOUSE #2









LOCAL BENEFITS*

Economic & Social Benefits

- New tax revenues
- Stable income for farmers and landowners from land lease agreements

Land Use

• As little as 1% of the quartersection is needed for a turbine and an access road

Employment

- Potential employment opportunities for local trades people and contractors • Full time jobs once project is operational.

Direct Investment

 Contracts and infusion of dollars to local services and retail businesses.



PROVINCIAL BENEFITS

NATIONAL BENEFITS

Wind Industry

BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT

• By 2030 the AESO program is expected to attract approximately \$10 billion in new private investment in the Alberta economy and create about 7,000 jobs for Albertans as projects are built. • The province's wind farms produce enough electricity each year to power 625,000 homes, equivalent to about 8% of Alberta's electricity demand.

Growing on average of 15% per year In Canada, in the last 5 years, wind energy has been the dominant form of electricity generation built, leading to Canada being ranked ninth in the world for total installed wind energy capacity.



Noise Mitigation

- Ensuring all equipment is serviced and operating properly
- Ensuring all regulatory compliance noise supressing equipment is installed and functional by performing regular equipment inspections and audits.

A Noise Impact Assessment will be conducted, as this is a critical step in the design of the turbine layout and its components.



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Noise Impact Assessment

- than or equal to 10 MW.
- 1.5 km of the project site.
- of the area.

NOISE

• A Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) must be completed in accordance with Rule 012 for any power plan with a name plate capacity greater

Noise impacts are determined using modelling software and determine sound power levels within

If there are other known facilities within 1.5 km of the project site, these need to be considered as they would contribue to cumulative noise impacts



HOW IT WORKS

(1) When the blades start moving, they spin a shaft that leads to a generator.

(2) The generator consists of conductor, such as a coiled wire, that is surrounded by magnets.

(3) The rotating shaft turns the magnets around the conductor and generates an electrical current.

(4) Sensors cause the top of the turbine to rotate to face into the wind and the blades change their angle to best catch the wind. The blades are flexible and stop spinning if wind is too strong.

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HOW DOES WIND POWER WORK?





We are currently drafting a Decommissioning Plan which will be submitted to the MD of Willow Creek as part of the Development Permit application. The Decommissioning Plan outlines how the land will be remediated after end of operations. The Decommissioning Plan will be updated prior to the start of decommissioning, as some standards and practices may change over the 20+ year life of the project.

Turbines

- Turbines would be dismantled and taken away.
- Reusable material would be sold or recycled, if possible.

Turbines Foundations

 Turbine foundations would be removed so that normal agricultural practices can occur afterwards.

Land

Impacted agricultural land will be restored to a state suitable for the intended future use of the land.

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Electrical Infrastructure

- disposed.
- to occur afterwards.

Access Roads

 Access roads would be removed and land returned to similar condition as before the project; in consultation with the landowner.



DECOMISSIONING PLAN

• Above ground lines would be removed and

• Underground lines would be cut and buried. Normal agricultural practices would be able

Transformers would be removed.



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

Sign In at the Front Table & Fill out our Survey

Contact Us: WillowRidge.WindProject@algonquinpower.com

1. Environmental Studies to be completed by Dillon by November 2018

2. Finalize Turbine Layout

3. Submit Applications to Government Jurisdictions

OPEN HOUSE #2

Don't Forget to:

Check out our website: https://willowridgewindproject.com/

NEXT STEPS

