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PSC Approves Blue Sky Green Field Project and Doubles Wisconsin's Wind Power *Builds on State's Commitment to Renewable Energy*

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) today approved construction of We Energies' Blue Sky Green Field Wind Project in Fond du Lac County. Approval of the wind project takes Wisconsin another step closer to meeting the state's new renewable energy goal to produce 10% of our electricity from renewable energy sources by 2015.

"This project is a significant step to meeting the state's renewable portfolio standards," said Chairperson Dan Ebert. "While others are talking about reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, Wisconsin is building wind turbines, investing in biomass, exploring other renewable resources and moving towards energy independence."

In the verbal decision today, the Commission approved We Energies' request to build 88 wind turbines in a 10,600 acre project area in the towns of Calumet and Marshfield in Fond du Lac County. Each turbine will have the capacity of between 1.5 and 2.3 megawatts with a total project capacity of nearly 200 megawatts – enough to power approximately 45,000 residential homes. The wind farm will be connected to the state's electric transmission system by the new Cypress Substation in Marshfield. The Blue Sky Green Field Wind Project will double the amount of wind energy already approved or in operation in Wisconsin.

"The Commission's approval of this important project reflects our state's commitment to constructing wind energy in Wisconsin and helps We Energies meet their renewable requirements under state law," said Commissioner Bert Garvin.

"Renewable projects like the one we approved today will help lower impacts on the environment by reducing emissions generated by fossil fuels," said Commissioner Mark Meyer. "This project not only makes good energy sense, it also makes good environmental sense."

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Last year Governor Doyle signed Act 141 into law. It was a bipartisan effort to increase energy efficiency and renewable energy in Wisconsin and based on the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Energy Efficiency and Renewables. The new law calls for state utilities to produce 10 percent of Wisconsin's electricity used by customers from renewables by 2015. Currently, about 4 percent comes from renewables. The new law also calls on state government agencies to improve energy efficiency and use of renewable energy and strengthens state energy efficiency programs.

The Commission will issue a written order based on today's decision. Documents associated with We Energies' application can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Regulatory Filing System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Type case numbers 6630-CE-294 in the boxes provided on the PSC homepage, or click on the Electronic Regulatory Filing System button.

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