

Petition MI-09-01 Wind Farm Special Use Permit  
Exhibit R  
Submitted 04/24/09  
Supplemental Information Clarifying Decommissioning Finance

By letter to Mr. Paul Miller, DeKalb County Planning Director, dated March 27, 2009, FPL Energy Illinois Wind, LLC (“FPLE Illinois Wind”) responded to DeKalb County Planning Department request for clarification of our previously filed proposal with regard to decommissioning. Our letter noted that we accept the staff proposal that we provide a letter of credit or other form of security acceptable to the county, to guarantee the performance of that work, and that we will demonstrate the availability of adequate funds are from day one.

FPLE Illinois Wind’s original proposal included a provision to supply \$4,000,000 of security to landowners for payment of all decommissioning costs, including costs of decommissioning Lee County facilities, at year 15. Since the total project as proposed includes 151 turbines, the Letter of Credit is worth \$26,490 per turbine or a total of \$3,523,179 for the 133 turbines in DeKalb County.

FPLE Illinois Wind will provide DeKalb County a letter of credit or other form of security acceptable to the county for payment of decommissioning cost based on a pro rata share of the total \$4 million prior to issuance of Building Permits to erect wind turbines in DeKalb County. This letter of credit will provide an immediate source of cash to fund decommissioning.

Detailed cost estimates to accomplish decommissioning work provided by Blattner Energy Inc., one of the largest constructors of wind farms in North America, follow. The Blattner Energy estimate shows that the total cost, including industry standard management and overhead fees, of decommissioning and removal of wind turbine facilities for our proposed project is \$11,962,290. The salvage value for installation components is calculated to be \$12,018,000, leaving a profit of \$155,710 in excess of the industry standard. This information clearly demonstrates that adequate resources are available for landowners or the county to engage reputable contractors to accomplish this work.