

## WELCOME

**OCTOBER 2016** 

## STIRLING WIND PROJECT | PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

## PLEASE SIGN IN AND WALK AROUND WE ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU

For more information about the Stirling Wind Project or SWLP please visit our website or contact a representative by telephone or email

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STIRLING WIND PROJECT LP, BY ITS GENERAL PARTNER STIRLING WIND PROJECT LTD. (SWLP)



150 MW Halkirk Wind Project

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## **ABOUT US**

Greengate Power Corporation is a leading renewable energy company based in Calgary, Alberta. To date, Greengate has successfully developed 450 MW of operating wind projects in Alberta. These projects represent over 30% of the wind energy generated in Alberta and provide a clean source of energy to approximately 200,000 homes.







Potentia Renewables Inc. is an independent power producer focused on developing, managing and operating renewable energy systems. Potentia Renewables Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Power Corporation of Canada, a diversified international management and holding company.



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## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

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#### **PROJECT OWNER**

Stirling Wind Project LP, by its general partner Stirling Wind Project Ltd. (SWLP)

#### **PROJECT NAME**

• Stirling Wind Project

#### **HOST MUNICIPALITIES**

• County of Warner No. 5 and Lethbridge County

#### **PROJECT TYPE AND SIZE**

• Approximately 113 MW wind energy project

#### **COLLECTION SYSTEM**

• 34.5 kilovolt (kV) above ground and underground collector lines that connect into the proposed Red Coat substation



#### INTERCONNECTION

#### **PROJECT SUBSTATION**

 Red Coat Substation is proposed to be located in NW 8-7-18 W4M

#### **POINT OF INTERCONNECTION**

- 138 kilovolt (kV) power line built from the proposed Red Coat substation to the existing AltaLink 820L line west of the Project
- Interconnection covered under a separate consultation and application process conducted by AltaLink

#### **OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **ROADS**

- Approximately 6 metres wide
- · Built with existing material to build the crown of the road
- Top dressed with crush gravel

#### **OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING**

• Approximate location beside Project Substation

#### **TEMPORARY LAY DOWN AREA**

Location to be determined



## **PROJECT DETAILS**

Number of Wind Turbines Proposed: Up to 46

**Total Installed Capacity:** Up to 113 MW **Anticipated In Service Date:** Q2 2019

Project Duration: 25+ years

Rotor Diameter: Up to 140 metres

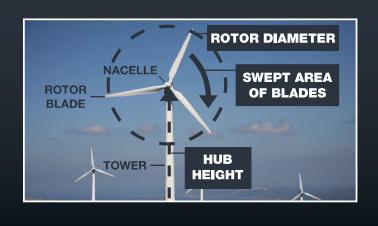
Wind Turbine Capacity: Up to 3.6 MW

**Hub Height:** Up to 110m

Blade Length: Up to 70 metres

Acres Within Project Boundary: Approximately 12,000

Footprint: Approximately 1 – 2 acres per turbine







## **COMMUNITY BENEFITS**



## **CLEAN ENERGY**

Wind energy is one of the cleanest forms of electrical power generation. It uses no water, and produces no emissions. It is a clean, renewable source of energy.



#### COST EFFECTIVE

Wind energy is the most cost effective renewable energy source available and can coexist with farms, ranches and other uses.

#### **COMMUNITY FUND AND INVOLVEMENT**

- We are setting up a community development fund for the Project
- We will provide a funding commitment throughout the Project life, and will support local initiatives and projects
- More details on the fund will be shared as the Project progresses
- This is in addition to the municipal tax revenues generated by the Project
- We are also interested in supporting local events and activities in the community

Please let us know if there are ways that we can support local initiatives and the community

#### **DURING CONSTRUCTION**

- Local spending
- Construction jobs
- Employment and contract opportunities
- Increased accommodation and meals in the area
- Compensation to participating landowners

#### **DURING OPERATION**

- Local spending
- Operator and maintenance employment and contracting opportunities
- Municipal tax revenues directly allocated to increasing local services or stabilizing local tax rates
- Compensation to participating landowners boost for rural economic development



If you are interested in providing goods and services to the Project, please provide your contact information on the contractor list at the sign in table.



## **CONSULTATION SCHEDULE**



## **DEVELOPMENT PHASE**2007 - 2017

PERSONAL CONSULTATION
OPEN HOUSE

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT AND UPDATES

#### CONSTRUCTION PHASE 2018 - 2019

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT AND UPDATES

## **OPERATIONS PHASE** 2019 - 2044+

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT AND UPDATES

#### DECOMMISSIONING AFTER 2044

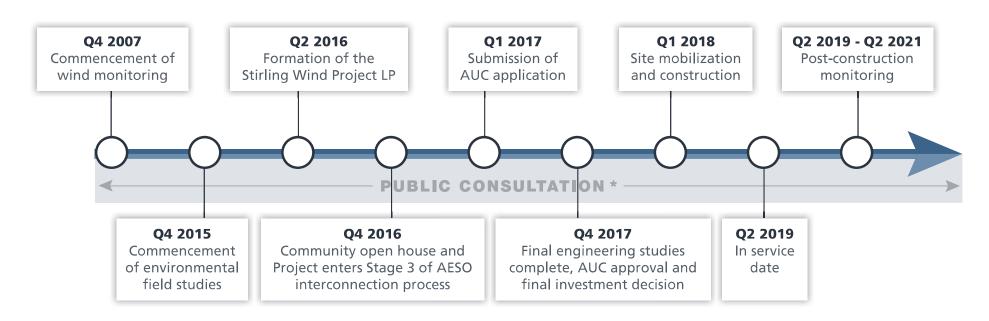
CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON DECOMMISSIONING/ RECLAMATION/ REPOWERING



We are committed to engaging landowners, public stakeholders, and other members of the local community and we look forward to a continuing dialogue and partnership with you over the coming months and years



## **EXPECTED PROJECT SCHEDULE**



\* Public consultation will continue through the life of the project, from development, through construction, operations and decommissioning

#### NOTE

This schedule is subject to change. Project timing is dependent on regulatory approvals, and results of the Government of Alberta's Renewable Electricity Program (www.aeso.ca/rep)

We will continue to provide schedule updates as the Project progresses



## **STAKEHOLDER CONSIDERATIONS**



#### CONSTRUCTION

#### **DUST**

 We will work with the Counties to ensure dust mitigation is in place and impact is kept to a minimum

#### **INCREASED TRAFFIC**

- Main access is through highway 4 and highway 61
- We will work with the Counties to reduce impacts on the community from traffic



#### **OPERATION**

#### NOISE

See poster

#### **SHADOW FLICKER**

See poster

#### **VISUAL IMPACT**

• See poster

#### **WILDLIFE IMPACTS**

- Setbacks used to reduce risk
- Post-construction monitoring plan

#### **TURBINE LIGHTING**

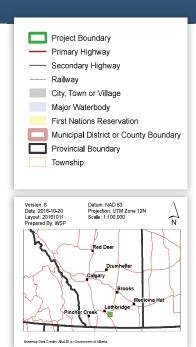
- Required for air transportation safety
- Transport Canada regulated

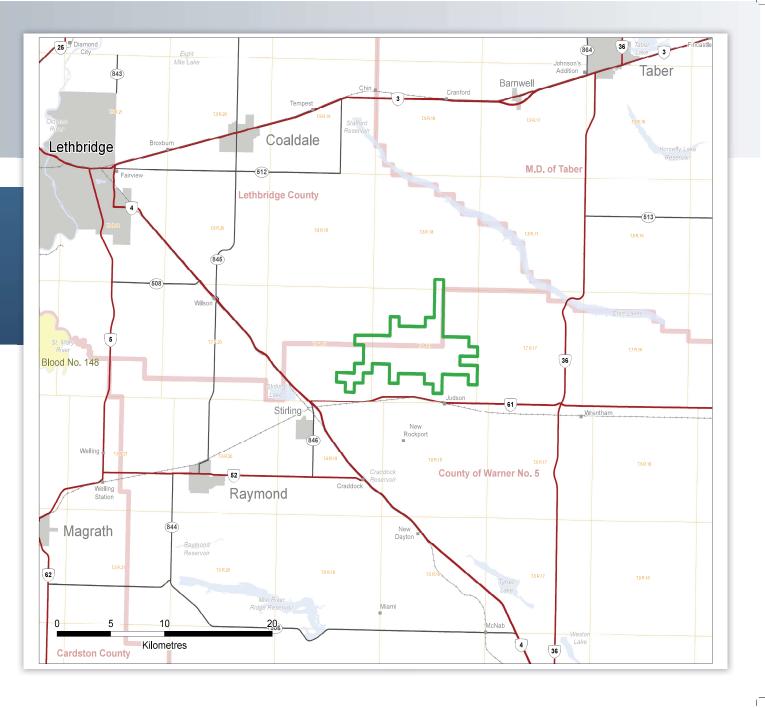
#### **ICE THROW**

 Setbacks and operational protocols used to reduce risk



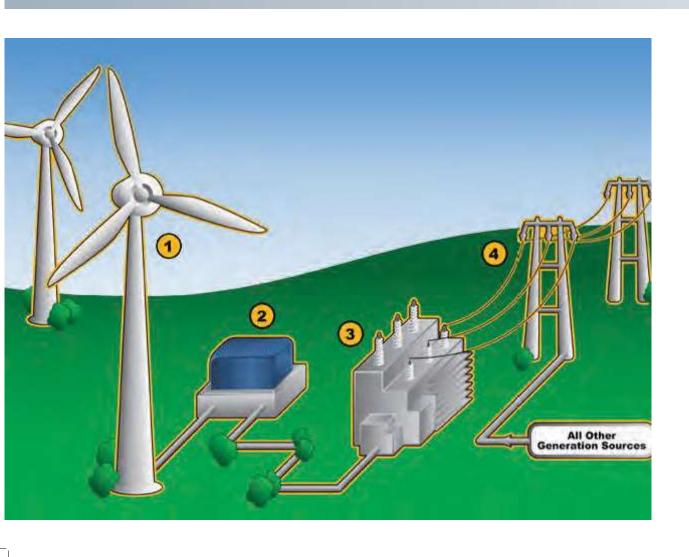
## REGIONAL MAP







## **HOW WIND POWER WORKS**



- Wind is produced by the uneven heating of the earth's surface by the sun. The wind causes the turbine blades to spin.
  The spinning blades cause a generator to rotate, converting the wind energy into electricity.
- The transformer increases voltage for transmission to substation.
- The substation further increases voltage for transmission over long distances.
- 4 Electricity generated travels through transmission lines and distribution lines to homes and businesses.



# 46 TURBINE PROPOSED PROJECT MAP

- Project Boundary
  Signed Project Lands Within Project Boundary
  Approximate Turbine Location
  Proposed Project Substation and
  Proposed O&M Building
  Potential Underground or
  Above Ground Collector (34 kV)
  Potential New Road
  Existing 820L Transmission Line (138 kV)
  Existing MATL Transmission Line (240 kV)
  Minor Highway
  Other Road
  Railway
  Residence
  Municipal District and County Boundary
- Version: 9
  Date: 2016-10-20
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  Layout: 2016-10-10
  Prepared By: WSP

  Claresholm

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  Princher Creek

  Cardston

  Milk River

  Date: Cardston

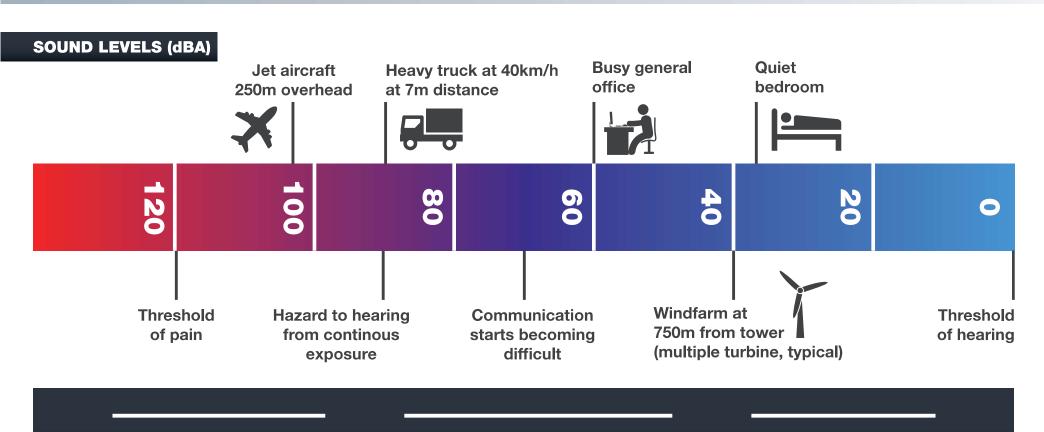
  Milk River

Township Lines and Section Numbers





## **WIND TURBINES AND SOUND**



Under windy conditions, turbine noise can be difficult to hear because of the wind. You can carry on a normal conversation while standing at the base of an operational wind turbine.

Modern wind turbines have been engineered to have low sound.



## 46 TURBINE PRELIMINARY SOUND MAP



- Existing MATL Transmission Line (240 kV)Minor Highway
- ---- Other Road
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- ---- Railway
- Residence
- Oil and Gas Facility
- Oil and Gas Active Well
- Municipal District and County Boundary
  - Township Lines and Section Numbers



**NOTE:** The wind turbine used in this analysis is a Senvion 3.4M140 on a 110 m tower



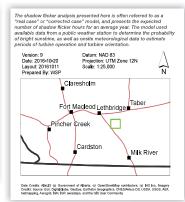


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## 46 TURBINE SHADOW FLICKER MAP







 Flickering effect caused by shadows cast from rotating turbine blades

- Computer models determine the days and times during the year that specific buildings may experience shadow flicker
- Shadow flicker can be blocked by obstructions such as trees, but we have not assumed any reduction in shadow flicker from potential obstructions

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# OTHER TECHNICAL STUDIES

#### WIND RESOURCE ASSESSMENT

Acquired over seven years of wind data from 2007 - 2014

#### **GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT**

Information used to design foundations

#### INTERCONNECTION ASSESSMENT

· Confirmed ability to connect to the grid

#### **OTHER SETBACKS**

- Includes noise, shadow flicker, environmental and infrastructure setbacks described in Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) Rule 007
- The design must also meet the county setbacks which include:
  - Highways
  - Municipal Road Allowances
  - Existing Homes
  - Abandoned Oil Wells
  - Oil or Gas Wells
  - Pipelines
  - Access Roads
- Proposed turbine locations were selected after consideration of these various technical and stakeholder considerations
- Locations will be confirmed after stakeholder feedback







## **TURBINE LAYOUT VISUAL SIMULATIONS**





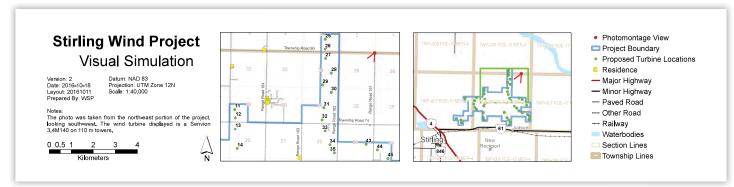




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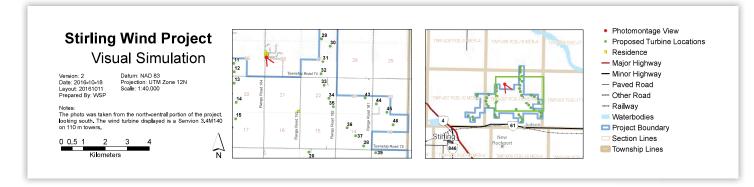




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Notes:
The photo was taken from the south-east corner of the project looking north-west. The wind turbine displayed is a Senvion 3.4M140 on 110 m towers.







- Photomontage View
- Project Boundary
- Proposed Turbine Locations
- Residence
- Major Highway
- Minor Highway
- Paved Road
- --- Other Road
- Outer Road
- Rai**l**way
- Waterbodies
- Township Lines

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## **REGULATORY APPROVAL PROCESS**

















**Alberta Utilities Commission** 

**Alberta Environment and Parks** 

**Alberta Culture & Tourism** 

**NAV Canada** 

**Transport Canada** 

**Alberta Transportation** 

County of Warner No. 5

**Lethbridge County** 



### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The Project design considers land use, wildlife and vegetation. The actual footprint of each turbine on the land is small.

Field studies were started in early 2016 and continue today. The majority of our environmental studies will be completed by November 2016. Those studies include:









- Land Use Assessments
- Wetland Assessments
- Bird Migration Studies (Spring and Fall)
- Breeding Bird Studies
- Raptor Studies and Nest Surveys
- Bat Studies
- Historical Resource Assessments



We are talking to
Alberta Environment
and Parks (AEP)
to understand any
potential concerns.
Please ask a
representative if
you are interested
in further details.

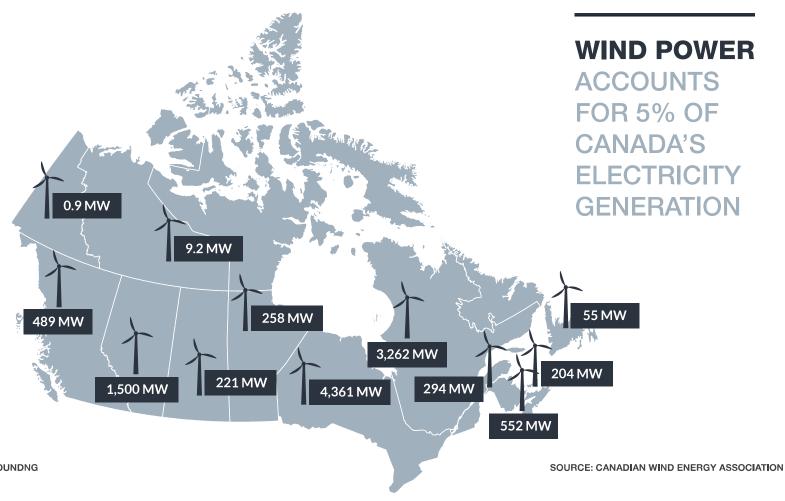




## **WIND POWER IN CANADA**

CANADA'S
CURRENT
INSTALLED
CAPACITY:

11,205 MW



\* AS OF DECEMBER 2015 MAY NOT SUM TO TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING



### **STAKEHOLDER PRINCIPLES**

- All stakeholders including landowners, municipalities, special interest groups and First Nations, have the right to express their views and seek information from us.
- We will engage in a consultation process with stakeholders to assess suggestions and commendations.
- We will endeavour to provide responses to stakeholder inquiries in a timely and transparent manner.
- When required, we will work with landowners and stakeholders to design projects in a way that reduces the influence on existing land uses, e.g. coordination with agricultural uses.
- We will fully comply with the municipalities' applicable land use bylaws.
- We will review all guidelines set out by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) in an effort to protect the local environment.

- We will comply with all directives or decisions set forth by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC), in an effort to preserve orderly development in Alberta.
- We will comply with all Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) requirements to ensure the safe and reliable operation of the local transmission system.

