

Wind Energy Resource Zone Board, Project Plan

Task	Due Date	Owner	Complete
Review MISO process, transmission status, land use restrictions	1/5/2009	Board	✓
Solicit input from Wind Developers	1/5 - 2/17/2009		
NREL provide input from working with other states on similar projects	2/2/2009		
Review consultant RFPs and submit recommendation for consultant to Board	1/27-2/10/09	Sub-Committee	
Review other states' reports, document format	2/2/2009	Commission	
Review Sub-Committee's recommendation for consultant, and decide which consultant to hire. (If possible, subcommittee will make a recommendation at 2/2 meeting. If not, recommend to hold phone conference with entire board.)	2/10/2009	Board	
Advise consultant of start date	2/12/2009	Secretary	
Create objectives and timelines for consultant, with clear milestones for completion	2/12/2009	Secretary	
*see consultant timeline, tab 2			
Kick off meeting with consultant and the board, to review objectives	2/17/2009	Board	
Commission presents suggested template of report format to board, and summary of key insights from other states' reports.	3/2/2009	Commission/Board	
Secure funding for writer for Board report by submitting funding request through the MPSC	2/17/2009	Chair	
1) If funding is available, RFP should be sent out by 3/1/09 with the intention to bring someone into the meetings beginning 3/30/09	2/17-3/30/2009	Commission	
2) If funding is unavailable, determine alternatives for report writer, with intention to have writer join board meeting on 3/30/09.	3/2/2009	Secretary/Commission	
Consultant presents initial recommendations on wind production potential, including desktop analysis of known exclusions	3/30/2009	Board/Consultant	
Michigan Township Associations and/or Michigan Association of Planners informed of initial high potential wind zones.	4/1/2009	Representatives from the Board	
Representatives from townships and/or counties, cities or villages of initially identified potential zones invited to share input with the Board	4/13/2009	TBD	
Review land not available for wind siting to provide input into consultant study and review summary of township feedback with consultant	4/27/2009	Board/Consultant	
Consultant final recommendations and report presented	5/4/2009	Consultant	*
Consultant final report issued	5/4/2009	Consultant	
Writer poses questions for the Board in final preparation of report	5/11/2009	Writer	
First draft of Board report submitted to the Board via email	5/13/2009	Writer	
Revisions submitted to writer via Board meeting	5/18/2009	Board	*
Second draft of Board report submitted to board via email	5/21/2009	Writer	
Revisions submitted to writer	5/26/2009	Board	*
Final report submitted to Board	5/29/2009	Writer	
Report submitted to constituents	6/2/2009	Chair	
Issue report to the legislative body of each local unit of government located in whole or part within any region listed in report	6/2/2009	Chair	
Legislative bodies submit comments to board (63 days)	8/5/2009		
Public hearing on proposed report (may be separate hearing in each region)	after 8/5/09		
Final report	45 days after hearings	Board	
Electric utilities, affiliated transmission companies and independent transmission companies with transmission facilities within or adjacent to regions of this state identified in the board's report shall identify existing or new transmission infrastructure necessary to deliver maximum and minimum wind energy production potential for each of those regions and shall submit this information to the board for its review.	45 days after final report (?)		
Board is dissolved	90 days after final report		

\* May require an additional board meeting, currently not scheduled

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1) Analyzing, studying and/or modeling, using the most accurate data available to the Board, the wind energy production potential for the state. This task is expected to include studying existing wind energy conversion systems, estimates for additional wind energy conversion system development, and average annual recorded wind velocity levels. Include desktop analysis using publically available info for land exclusions.	3/30/2009	Consultant	
2) Summarizing and analyzing current wind energy conversion system interconnection requests for the state.	2/28/2009	Consultant	
3) Making recommendations to the Board regarding the viability of wind as a source of commercial energy generation in this state;	5/4/2009	Consultant	
4a) Solicit input from the Board, to determine land availability for potential utilization by wind energy conversion systems in this state.	4/27/2009	Board	
4b) Based on input from the Board, determine land availability for potential utilization by wind energy conversion systems in this state.	5/4/2009	Consultant	
5) Utilizing the above information to assist the Board in its development of a list of regions in the state with the highest level of wind energy harvest potential.	5/4/2009	Consultant	
6) Developing a description of the estimated maximum and minimum wind generating capacity in megawatts that can be installed in each identified region of this state.	5/4/2009	Consultant	
7) Developing an estimate of the annual maximum and minimum energy production potential for each identified region of this state.	5/4/2009	Consultant	
8) Developing estimate of the maximum wind generation capacity already in service in each identified region of this state.	2/28/2009	Consultant	