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PROJECT NO. 507704

APPLICATION OF LAS MAJADAS \$ PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION WIND FARM, LLC FOR A \$ PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION BY________ OF TEXAS GENERATOR CERTIFICATION \$

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Commission Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this recommendation. Staff recommends that the application be approved. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On April 20, 2020, Las Majadas Wind Farm, LLC (Las Majadas) filed an application for renewable energy credit (REC) generator certification pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.173(o).

II. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the application, and as supported by the attached memorandum of Grace Godines of the Licensing and Compliance section of the Commission's Customer Protection Division, Staff concludes that Las Majadas has provided all of the information required under 16 TAC § 25.173(o) and that Las Majadas qualifies as a renewable energy resource under 16 TAC § 25.173(e). Therefore, Staff recommends that the application be approved, and that the Las Majadas Wind Farm Facility be certified as a REC generator.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that Las Majadas' application be approved and respectfully requests the issuance of an order consistent with the foregoing recommendation.

Dated: May 11, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on May 11, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Daniel Moore
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Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Daniel Moore - Legal Division

FROM: Grace Godines – Analyst, Customer Protection Division

DATE: May 11, 2020

RE: Project No. 50774 - Application of Las Majadas Wind Farm, LLC for a Renewable

Energy Credit Generator Certification

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

On April 20, 2020, Las Majadas Wind Farm, LLC (Las Majadas or the Company) filed an application to certify its Las Majadas Wind Farm, LLC facility as a renewable energy credit (REC) generator under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 25.173(o). Las Majadas is registered with the Commission as a power generation company under registration number 20543. Las Majadas indicated that the metered generation eligible for RECs is 272.6 MW.

Under 16 TAC § 25.173(o)(1), a power generation company shall demonstrate that the facility meets the eligibility criteria as outlined in 16 TAC § 25.173(e), which states that in order for a renewable facility to produce RECs and compliance premiums in the trading program it must either be a new facility, a small producer, or a repowered facility. Las Majadas meets this requirement because the Las Majadas Wind Farm, LLC facility qualifies as a new facility. In its application Las Majadas also included the location, owner, technology, and rated capacity of the facility as required under 16 TAC § 25.173(o)(1).

After reviewing Las Majadas's application, Staff finds that the Company has provided all of the information required under 16 TAC § 25.173(o) and that the Las Majadas Wind Farm, LLC facility qualifies as a renewable resource under 16 TAC § 25.173(e). Therefore, Staff recommends that the Las Majadas Wind Farm, LLC facility be certified as a REC generator. The approximate metered generation eligible for RECs is 272.6 MW. The Las Majadas Wind Farm, LLC facility will not be eligible to produce RECs until an order is issued approving the application.

Any subsequent changes to the information in the application are to be submitted to the Commission as supplements to this filing within 30 days of such changes.