

## Project Update

BluEarth is pleased to report that our amendment application before the Alberta Utilities Commission has been approved and we will be moving forward with construction of the Bull Creek Wind Project. To view the amendment application and decision, visit www.auc.ab.ca.

#### Construction

Construction on the project is expected to start in May 2015. Prior to construction, surveying and flagging will be undertaken, followed by road and foundation construction during the summer months. Turbines will be erected in late summer. We have selected our preferred construction contractor. If you are a local business interested in providing services to the project, please register on our website at



www.bluearthrenewables.com/work-with-us/.

## Environmental Study and Planning

An Environmental Protection Plan is being developed in consultation with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Development (AESRD). The plan will direct activities during construction to ensure effects on sensitive environmental features are avoided. Once this plan is in place, we will post it on our website.

Wildlife studies will be conducted this spring, including surveys for raptor nests, Sharp-tailed Grouse leks, migratory and breeding birds, and nocturnal amphibians. The results of these studies will be presented to AESRD for their review and posted on our website as well.

BluEarth hosted an open house on April 16th to discuss the upcoming construction with the local community. If you were unable to attend, copies of the poster boards are available on our website at <a href="https://www.bluearth.ca/bullcreek">www.bluearth.ca/bullcreek</a>. BluEarth is committed to being a good neighbour and community member for the long-term and we will continue to consult and engage with the community as we move forward with construction. As always, we are available if you have any questions or comments at 1-844-214-2578 or Projects@bluearth.ca.

### In this newsletter

At BluEarth Renewables we believe in keeping our neighbours and landowners informed about our projects. Whether it is face-to-face meetings, on our website or here, in our Bull Creek Project newsletter, we understand the importance of communicating with our stakeholders. In this newsletter you will find the next steps in the project as we move forward with construction, as well as information on our environmental protection plan.

## **Project Schedule**

AUC Amendment Approval

April 2015

Completion of Permitting & Start of Project Construction

May 2015

Commercial Operation

December 2015



# Your questions answered! How is electricity delivered from the Bull Creek wind farm to customers? The Bull Creek Wind Facility will produce the net electrical energy required for our contracted customers – 25 Alberta school boards. At times when the wind power facility produces more power than the school boards require, the power is sold through Alberta's power pool market, and at specific times when the wind facility does not exactly meet the requirements of the school boards, additional power is purchased from the market. The Alberta Electric System Operator is responsible for ensuring Alberta's electricity system is always balancing demand and generation across the province.

## Wind Power Benefiting Alberta!



When it comes to benefits, wind power delivers. Some benefits of the Bull Creek Wind Project project include:

- Approximately 50,000 person-hours of direct employment will result from construction, as well as indirect spending at local businesses and service providers
- Local economic contributions (property taxes, property lease payments, etc.) of about \$15 million over 25 years
- An estimated reduction of 80,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually
- The power from the Bull Creek Wind Project will be sold to 25 of Alberta's schools boards through long-term power purchase contracts allowing them to limit exposure to price volatility

Learn more about wind energy at WindFacts.ca.

#### **About BluEarth**

Headquartered in Calgary, BluEarth Renewables Inc. is a private independent renewable power producer, focused on the acquisition, development, construction and operation of wind, water, and solar projects in North America, with a primary focus in Canada. With the most experienced renewable energy development team in Canada, BluEarth's mission is to be the Canadian renewable energy leader by developing, building, and operating a portfolio that optimizes people, planet, and profit. BluEarth believes it has the power to change the future by demonstrating how to be sustainable and profitable, leaving the world a better place. The Bull Creek Wind Project is being developed by Bull Creek Wind Power Limited Partnership, by its General Partner 1646658 Alberta Ltd., a subsidiary of BluEarth.

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