

On Mar 2, 2022, at 10:47 AM, Greenwood, Geoff (MidAmerican) <Geoff.Greenwood@midamerican.com> wrote:

I've been cleaning out some email folders this morning and happened to notice I mistakenly referred to a document link as a Warren County Board of Supervisors link when it should have said Madison County. (Warren County is one county to the east of Madison.) I'm sure you caught it...just pointing it out in case.

Geoff

From: Greenwood, Geoff (MidAmerican)
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:08 PM
To: 'robert@robertbryce.com' <robert@robertbryce.com>
Cc: Media Hot Line (MediaHotLine@midamerican.com) <MediaHotLine@midamerican.com>
Subject: RE: Re: Media Inquiry re the vote yesterday in Madison County

Mr. Bryce,

Try this

link: <https://cap.gmdsolutions.com/viewfile.aspx?id=31D3BC4801B249CC88F6F29DBEEA0201&dir=Objects>

The Warren County Board of Supervisors posted the settlement agreement, so if you have any trouble accessing it, go to the county's page <https://madisoncounty.iowa.gov/offices/board-of-supervisors/> and the document is located under the "Ordinances" section.

As to question 3, our current plan, called Wind PRIME, has been filed with the Iowa Utilities Board and is subject to approval. Overall, MidAmerican plans to invest \$3.9 billion on Wind PRIME. As stated in the public portion of the documents we filed last month with the Iowa Utilities Board, our company projects that customers will receive the benefit of \$1.8 billion in tax credits, which would offset 45% of the cost of the project. We intend to add 2,042 MW of wind generation and 50 MW of solar generation. We have requested cost caps of \$1,890/kW for wind investment and \$1,854/kW for solar.

Regarding question 4, while we have obtained valid permits, we have not filed a project plan with the Iowa Utilities Board. Thus, that information has not been determined.

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From: Robert Bryce <robert@robertbryce.com>

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 5:03 PM

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Cc: Media Hot Line (MidAmerican) <MediaHotLine@midamerican.com>

Subject: Re: Media Inquiry re the vote yesterday in Madison County

Dear Mr Greenwood,

Thank you for your reply.

I would like to read the settlement agreement, but the link you provided was a dead end:

<https://cap.gmdsolutions.com/viewfile.aspx?id=219961C7B75B40538F3DBCEF9E92B42&dir=Objects>

I am curious about the wording of your reply. You said MidAmerican sued to protect its right to put up more turbines in Madison County. Is the company planning to go ahead and add 30 more turbines to the ones already in the county?

Furthermore, you did not address two of my questions, so I am resubmitting them:

3. In 2018, the Des Moines Register reported that MidAmerican expected to collect \$10 billion in federal tax credits on the \$12.3 billion it had spent on wind generation in Iowa. Given the company's plans to spend more on wind in Iowa, what is the company's projections for both expected total of tax credits and total spending on wind in Iowa? How much will it get in tax credits for solar in Iowa? How much is the company planning to spend on solar in Iowa?

4. My understanding is that the settlement will allow MidAmerican to put 30 more wind turbines in Madison County. How much money in tax credits will MidAmerican collect over the life of those 30 turbines?

Thank you again for your reply to my email yesterday. I look forward to getting answers to my inquiries.

Sincerely
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On Feb 10, 2022, at 11:03 AM, Greenwood, Geoff (MidAmerican)

<Geoff.Greenwood@midamerican.com> wrote:

Mr. Bryce,

Thanks for contacting us about the Madison County wind ordinance matter and our settlement agreement with the county.

MidAmerican Energy has entered into voluntary agreements year-after-year with thousands of landowners since 2004, and that continues to this day. For nearly 20 years, MidAmerican has invested nearly \$14 billion to construct 37 wind projects and more than 3,300 turbines spread across 32 of Iowa's counties. MidAmerican's wind farms are only possible because of landowner partners who sign voluntary easements and communities that welcome the positive economic impact they provide.

MidAmerican only brought a lawsuit in the Madison County ordinance matter to protect its legal rights for projects the county had already approved and in which the company had already invested, including an ongoing and operational project. MidAmerican did not attempt to disrupt the county's right to limit new developments, and in the course of the settlement was willing to reduce the total number of turbines it could construct out of respect for the county's concerns.

The company never aspired to collect damages from the county; again, our interest was in protecting our legal rights to the projects the county had already approved and the investments we had already made, based on those approvals. We worked hard during the settlement process with the county's attorneys to reach a result that avoided any damage payments by the county. Any assessment or projections of potential liability or damages provided to the county came from its own attorneys.

The settlement agreement, which you can view [here](#), was negotiated with the county's legal counsel over the course of months and does not, nor ever did include, any special arrangements with Supervisor Fitch or any other individual supervisors. All siting considerations are made according to the usual criteria for siting wind projects.

Regards,

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From: Robert Bryce <robert@robertbryce.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 9:52:54 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)
To: Media Hot Line (MidAmerican) <MediaHotline@midamerican.com>
Subject: Media Inquiry re the vote yesterday in Madison County

Dear Sirs,

I am a Texas-based journalist. I am a contributor at Forbes and the host of the Power Hungry Podcast.

I understand that the vote taken yesterday by the Madison County Board of Supervisors means the county is abandoning its earlier ordinance and is settling the lawsuit brought by MidAmerican against the county.

I am writing an article about the vote and would like answers to these questions:

1. Given the objections of so many residents of Madison County to wind turbines, why did MidAmerican sue the county?
2. If MidAmerican had won the lawsuit, how much in damages was it hoping to collect from Madison County?
3. In 2018, the Des Moines Register reported that MidAmerican expected to collect \$10 billion in federal tax credits on the \$12.3 billion it had spent on wind generation in Iowa. Given the company's plans to spend more on wind in Iowa, what is the company's projections for both expected total of tax credits and total spending on wind in Iowa? How much will it get in tax credits for solar in Iowa? How much is the company planning to spend on solar in Iowa?
4. My understanding is that the settlement will allow MidAmerican to put 30 more wind turbines in Madison County. How much money in tax credits will MidAmerican collect over the life of those 30 turbines?
5. Did MidAmerican make a special deal with Supervisor Fitch that assured no turbines would be built in her part of the county?

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely
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