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Monday, March 28, 2022

Marshall County Planning and Zoning  
Attn: Patrick Sloan  
552 State Route 26  
Lacon, Illinois 61540

**Subject: Letter Request to Extend Special Use Permit #19-221 Meteorological Tower**

Dear Mr. Sloan,

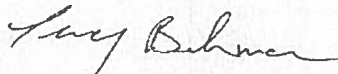
On February 2, 2019, the Marshall County Board approved the Special Use Permit # 19-221 for Calpine Wind Holdings, LLC, to construct and operate a meteorological tower ("met mast") on a parcel in the unincorporated area of Marshall County. Further, then owner Calpine Corporation, assigned the license agreement for the met mast to its project company Prairie Violet Wind, LLC ("Prairie Violet") which holds a lease-hold interest in the property for which the met mast is sighted.

At the end of 2019 ("project acquisition date") TransAlta Corporation ("TransAlta"), bought Prairie Violet Wind, LLC and all associate rights and interest from Calpine Corporation. Since the project acquisition date, TransAlta has continued the development efforts to bring Prairie Violet to its operation phase.

Prairie Violet seeks to extend its rights under the Special Use Permit to continue its wind measurement campaign through the exercise of the two-year extension request, from the expiration date of March 14, 2021, per Resolutions No.19-20.

We apologies for the inconvenience of this lapse, but we look forward to continuing our local engagement with Planning and Zoning and County Roads Engineering and Maintenance teams. If you have any questions regarding TransAlta's proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me at (612) 842-0950 or troy\_bushman@transalta.com.

Best regards,



Troy Bushman  
**Project Developer**  
TransAlta US Renewables

**APPROVED 4/14/22**

**ALL AYES**

**0 NAYS**

**0 ABSENT**