Power County

Lives up to its name!
Special Use Permits

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- 1. The developer shall file an completed application form. Completed application should include all documents and information to be heard at the scheduled public hearing. At this time a Sketch plan review will be scheduled before the planning and zoning commission.

- 2. Public hearing is then scheduled for a date suitable to provide all of the legal notification to the public.

- 3. County Wide Performance standards are addressed by the applicant with how compliance to these standards as well as any other State, Federal compliance need be met.

- 4. Following the applicant, any one in favor is allowed the opportunity to speak. Followed by any one in opposition given to opportunity express their concerns.

- 5. Following all testimony, the public hearing is closed with no further testimony allowed.
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- Deliberation by the board then proceeds. Once a decision by the board is reached, the chairman will ask for a motion to accept or decline the application. All interested parties must be notified of decision within 10 days time.

- 6. If aggrieved by decision, affected person must ask for reconsideration within 14 days time.

- 7. Planning and zoning will review reconsideration and determine to affirm, reverse, or modify.

- 8. If aggrieved is still unsatisfied the option is to appeal decision to the Board of County Commissioners for another public hearing to be held by that board.

- Typical time to complete such applications require minimum of 3 month time frame.
Power County is home to Hydro Power being generated at the American Falls Dam.

**Hydro Power is the cheapest source available. Unfortunately only approximately 70% of needed Power is available at this site.**

The next available alternate is that of the two wind farms, currently operational and producing power that is added to the Grid.

The third source available is that of three American Falls Solar complex slated to begin construction early this spring. Completed operational date of this facility is December of 2016.
Rockland Wind Farm

1. Occupies approximately 22,000 acres of privately owned Agricultural Ground.

2. Actual footprint of that area is less than 150 acres. Remaining portion to remain in its current usage.

3. Each wind turbine consists of three major mechanical components. These being Tower, Nacelle, and the Rotor.

4. Forty four turbines exist on the farm. Each turbine is designed to produce 1.8 Megawatts of Power. Total Farm production is 60 Megawatts.

5. In addition to turbines there is infrastructure consisting of roadway throughout as well as buried underground power cable, capable of transport power to the Substation on the site. At this substation the D.C. (direct current power) is converted to A.C. (alternating current) suitable to be transported via 138 KV transmission lines to the American Falls Brady Substation.
Equal Opportunity employer
Rockland Wind Farm
NOT EVERYONE IN FAVOR
1. As in the case of the Rockland Wind Farm this windfarm involves considerable acreage located within Power County. It should be noted; however that there are less turbines (18), and that they are more tightly clustered to high ground receiving the most wind exposure. They are a larger turbine capable of 2.5 megawatts production. Total production of 45 megawatts.

2. This wind farm has power Sub Station located beneath existing high voltage power line. A direct intertie to that power line provides the necessary power delivery system.
Power County Windpark, LLC

Placement of corrugated outer ring.

Inner ring inserted next
Power County  Wind Park, LLC
American Falls Solar Farm Complex

1. Actually consists of the issuance of two special use permits. Each of the two permitted will produce a total of 20 megawatts power each.

2. Solar Farm takes up 400 acres of private ownership, agricultural ground currently being farmed by ownership. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2016 and be completed by December of 2016.

3. The entire perimeter of the farm will be surrounded by security fence. Power will be distributed to on site Sub Station. This substation located beneath existing 138 KV transmission line. A direct inter tie to this line will provide the needed power distribution.

4. The applicant is a subsidiary of Sun Edison, Inc.. They own and operate Solar as well as Wind assets around the world in addition to the 45 Megawatt, Power County Wind Farm LLC..

5. The Complex will benefit Power County greatly. It will help broaden County Tax base as well as providing land owners involved a supplement to their existing agricultural income.
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