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**Cohocton and Dutch Hill Wind Projects  
New York Public Service Commission Project Update  
Detailed Four Month Progress Report  
September 21, 2007 – January 15, 2008**

**SECTION I - Construction Status Report**

**Four Month Update:** Construction of the Dutch Hill Wind Project began on September 21, 2007 and began at the Cohocton Wind Project in late September, 2007. During the latter part of August and early September, the primary construction contractor, M.A. Mortenson and the electrical contractor, MSE established a temporary Project Management Yard on Lent Hill and mobilized their subcontractors.

Since this time, construction has generally proceeded as scheduled and is planned to be completed in May-June, 2008 which is consistent with predictions made in September, 2007. Turbine erection began in November, 2007 as originally scheduled. Project COD has been delayed two months from July, 2008 to September, 2008, based upon slight delays in the expected completion of the Brown Hill substation. Finally, site restoration is planned for May to June, 2008 and UPC expects the site to be fully restored by August, 2008. Based on progress made to date, UPC expects that construction will be completed within 12 months of the construction start date.

For a snapshot of construction completed as of January 15, 2008, please refer to the enclosed progress map. Monthly progress updates have been provided to the NYSPSC on October 9, 2007, November 15, 2007, December 21, 2007 and January 23, 2008. These reports provide detailed construction, permitting, staffing and complaint updates. The contents of these reports are summarized within this report.

Over this time period, UPC has completed the following:

- **Project Management Yard:** A temporary project management yard that services UPC's contractors has been established on Lent Hill. The majority of the contractors work from this location. The project's Operations and Management building will also be located on a small area of this site.
- **Access Roads:** Approximately 99% of the access roads have been completed. The remaining 200 feet will be completed by mid-February.
- **34.5 kV Underground Collection Line:** 156,000 feet of the 190,000 feet (83%) of underground collection system has been installed. The conduit for communications fiber (which has been schedule for installation in said conduit in late February) has been installed in concert with the underground collection system. Estimated completion is end of April.

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- Turbine Foundations: Approximately 90% of the turbine foundations have been completed (44/50). The remaining 6 foundations are planned to be completed by the end of February.
  - Turbine Component Deliveries: All of the turbine components, less roughly 40% of the turbine nacelles have either been delivered to the off-site lay down yard or directly to site. Non-turbine nacelle deliveries are expected to be complete by the end of February, with the nacelle components to be completely delivered by mid-April.
  - Turbine Erection: Of the 400 heavy or high (each of the 50 turbines has 4 tower sections, a machine base, a gear box, a nacelle top, and a rotor) lifts to be made, 64 have been completed to date, or 16%. 10% of the turbines have been completely erected with an expected completion date for full turbine erection by the end of April.
  - 34.5 kV Overhead Collection Line: The overhead collection line has been completed other than an approximately 50 foot span which is yet to be completed due to a railroad crossing permit. Expected issuance of this permit is mid-February with associated work to be complete by the end of February.
  - 115 kV Overhead Transmission Line: Clearing and construction have progressed within the T-line right of way starting from the Lent Hill substation to State Route 415. The remaining wetland and utility permits are needed for completion which is expected to be mid-May.
  - Lent Hill Substation: The foundation and control house shell have been constructed. Component foundations and structural steel erection has commenced and will be ready to be energized by June.
  - Brown Hill Substation: The earthwork for the Brown Hill Substation pad preparation has commenced. The expectation is that this preparation work will be completed by the first week of February, at which time some of the larger equipment's and control house's concrete foundations will begin to be poured. Completion is expected in June.



## **SECTION II – Permits and Environmental Compliance**

**Permits:** Since UPC received its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the NYSPSC on August 16, 2007 it has been issued the following permits:

- NYSDEC Stormwater Permits for the Project Management Yard, Cohocton Project and Dutch Hill Project
- NYSDEC Article 24 Wetland Permits (Cohocton and Dutch Hill)
- NYSDEC Water Quality Certificate (Cohocton)
- US Army Corps determination that a 404 wetland permit is not required (Dutch Hill)
- NYSDOT Work Permits (2 Dutch Hill, 4 Cohocton)
- NYSDOT Use and Occupancy Permits (1 Dutch Hill, 1 Cohocton)
- Steuben County Highway Work Permits (3 Cohocton)
- Town of Cohocton Building Permits (Cohocton and Dutch Hill)
- FAA Determination of No Hazard (Cohocton and Dutch Hill turbines)

UPC is waiting for the following permits prior to working in certain areas of the 115 kV transmission line:

- US Army Corps Section 404 Nationwide Permit (Cohocton)
- NYSDOT Use and Occupancy Permit for Interstate 390 transmission line crossing (Cohocton)
- Railroad Work Permits (Cohocton and Dutch Hill)

**Environmental Compliance:** UPC hired Northern Ecological Associates, Inc (NEA) to provide environmental monitoring services at these Projects. Since NEA was hired, the company merged with Tetra Tech. This merger has not resulted in any changes on the ground. David Werner (full-time) and Paul Bauter (part-time) are the on-site monitors who observe construction activities and attend construction meetings daily. UPC has provided Tetra Tech with an office at their Cohocton office and all SEQR and permitting documents are available at this location. In addition, the environmental team has provided site tours to the following entities:

- LaBella Associates, the Town of Cohocton's consultants.
- Representatives from the NYSPSC
- Representatives from NY Agriculture and Markets
- A representative from the NYSDEC
- Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Cohocton

**Complaint Resolution:** In August, 2007, UPC mailed a letter to all residents of Cohocton informing them that construction would commence soon. In addition, the names of the Construction Manager and Outreach Coordinator and an 800 number were provided. This letter triggered the complaint resolution protocol. This protocol provides people an opportunity to communicate complaints, ask questions and provide advice directly to UPC. UPC works diligently to respond to these complaints within 24 hours and rectify the issue(s) that caused the complaint(s).

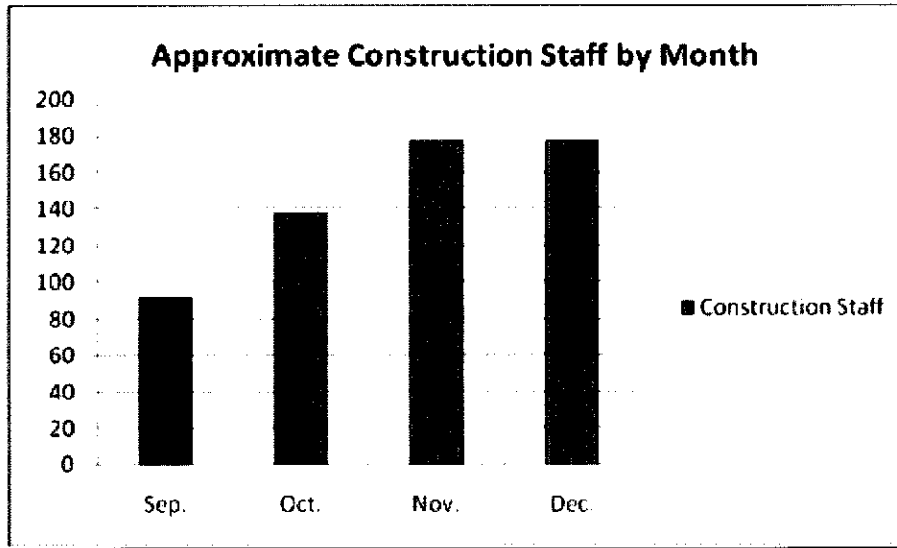
Since the protocol was implemented in late August, 2007 to January 15, 2008, UPC has received 35 complaints, requests, inquiries and suggestions. Of these complaints, 34% were sent from the same person. These communications can be broken down into the following categories:



1. Vehicle Issues: 6 complaints
2. Speeding: 9 complaints
3. Road Conditions: 8 complaints
4. Other: 5 complaints
5. Questions/Suggestions: 7

### **SECTION III: Cohocton / Dutch Hill Wind Project Construction Staffing Report**

The graph below provides an overview of staffing since project construction began. Please note these are approximate numbers, as staffing numbers vary daily.



The firms below comprise the bulk of these staffing numbers:

- UPC Wind: overall project management.
- M.A. Mortenson: General Contractor responsible for turbine erections.
- MSE Power Systems: responsible for overhead transmission lines and substations.
- Henkels and McCoy: responsible for laying underground electric cable.
- Clipper Wind: responsible for erecting Clipper 2.5 MW turbines.
- Delaney: responsible for civil work.
- Terry Tree Service: responsible for forestry work
- O'Connell: responsible for overhead transmission lines
- Tetra Tech: environmental monitors

**Section IV: Construction Photographs from September, 2007 to January, 2008**

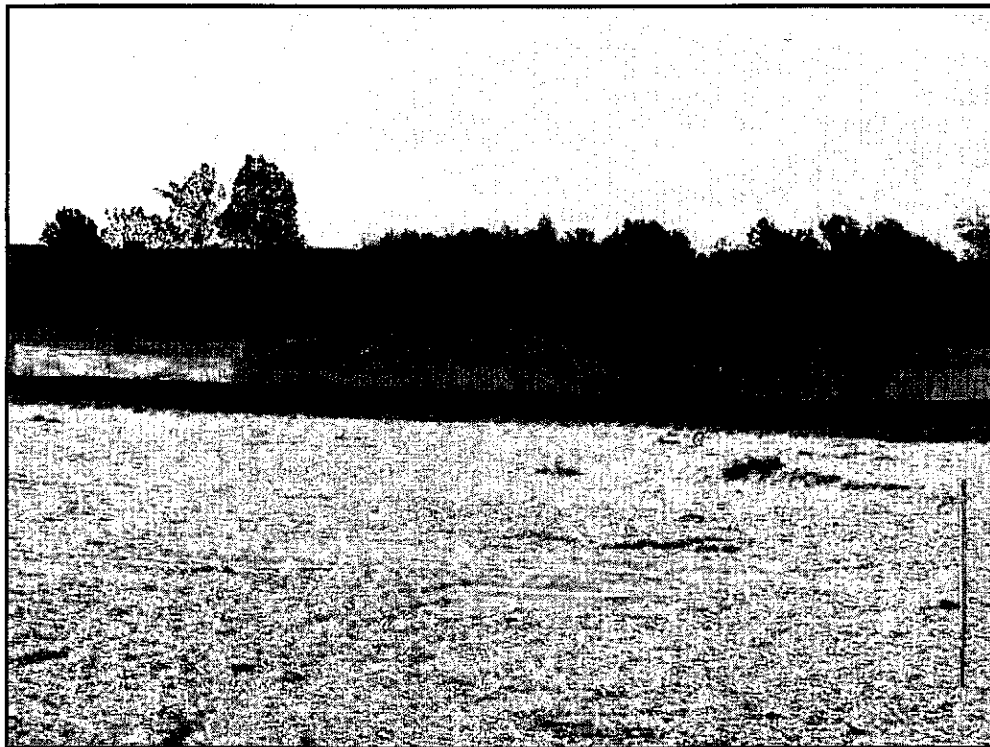


**First Day of Construction – clearing at the Project Management Yard**

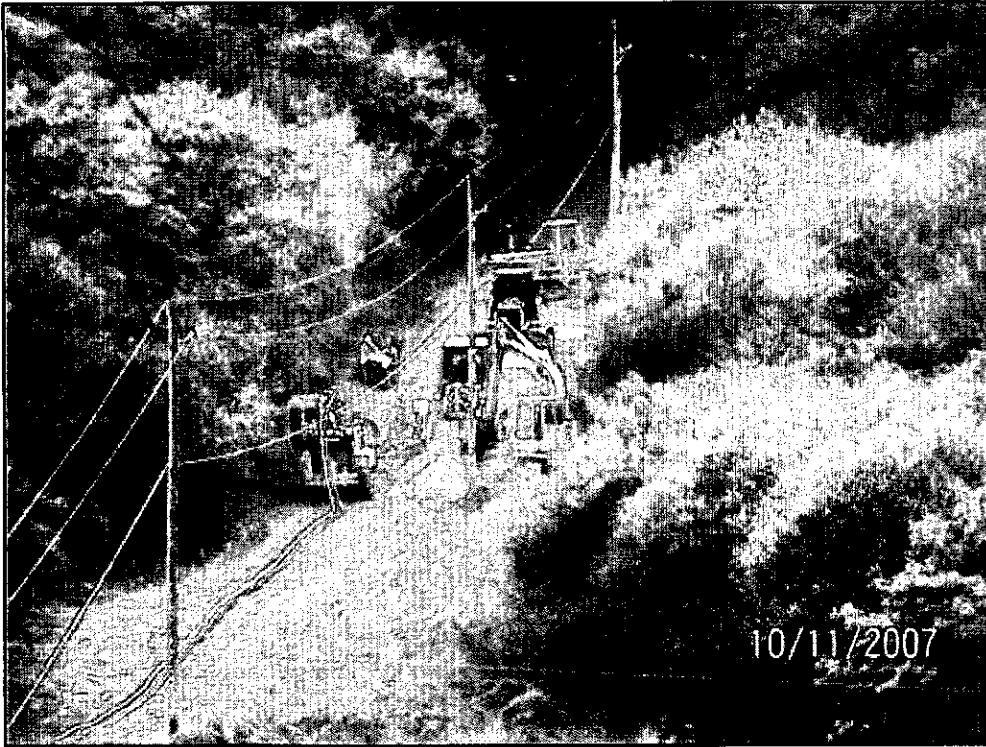




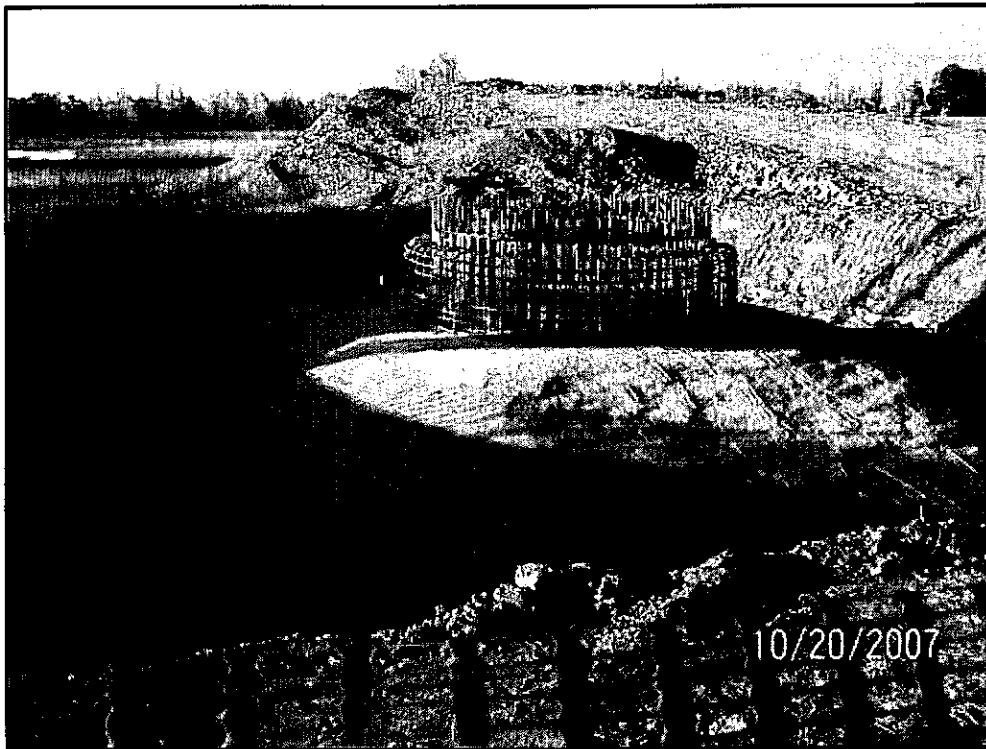
Improved access road to T1A and T2A



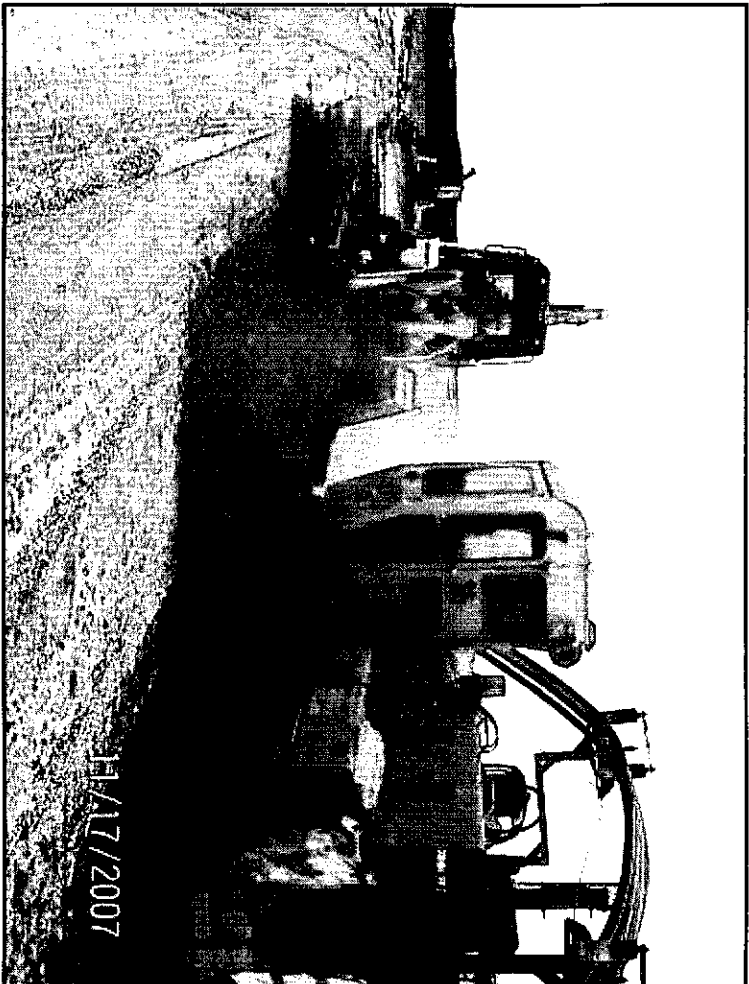
Stabilized turbine pad area with silt fencing and wetland delineation fencing



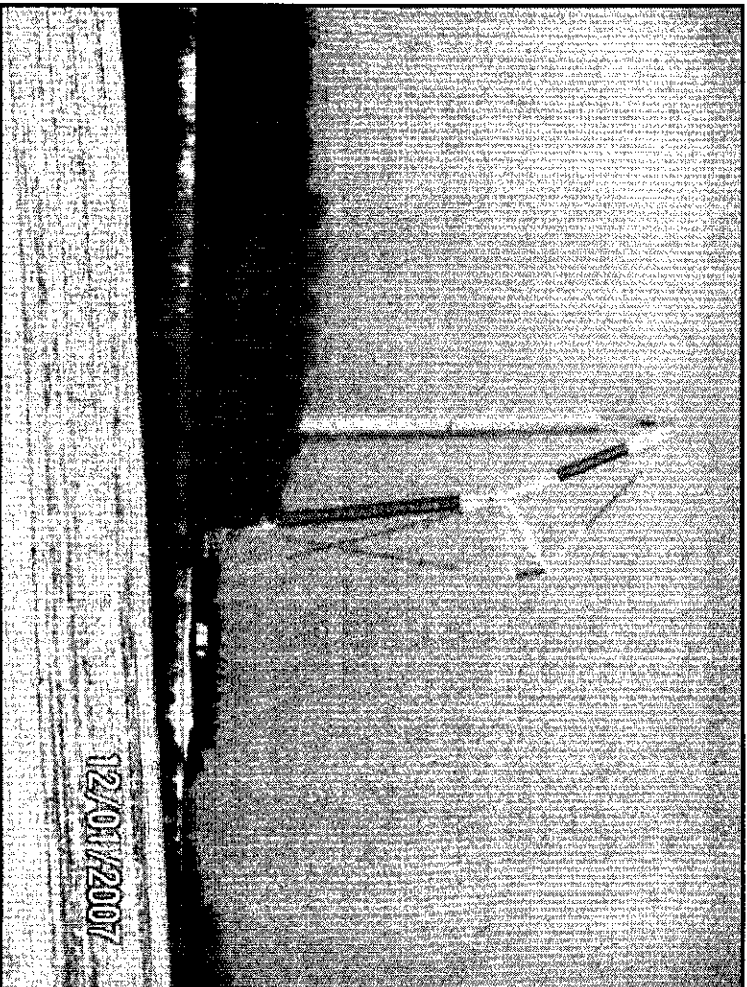
34.5 kV being installed underground along pre-existing transmission ROW



Completed turbine foundation



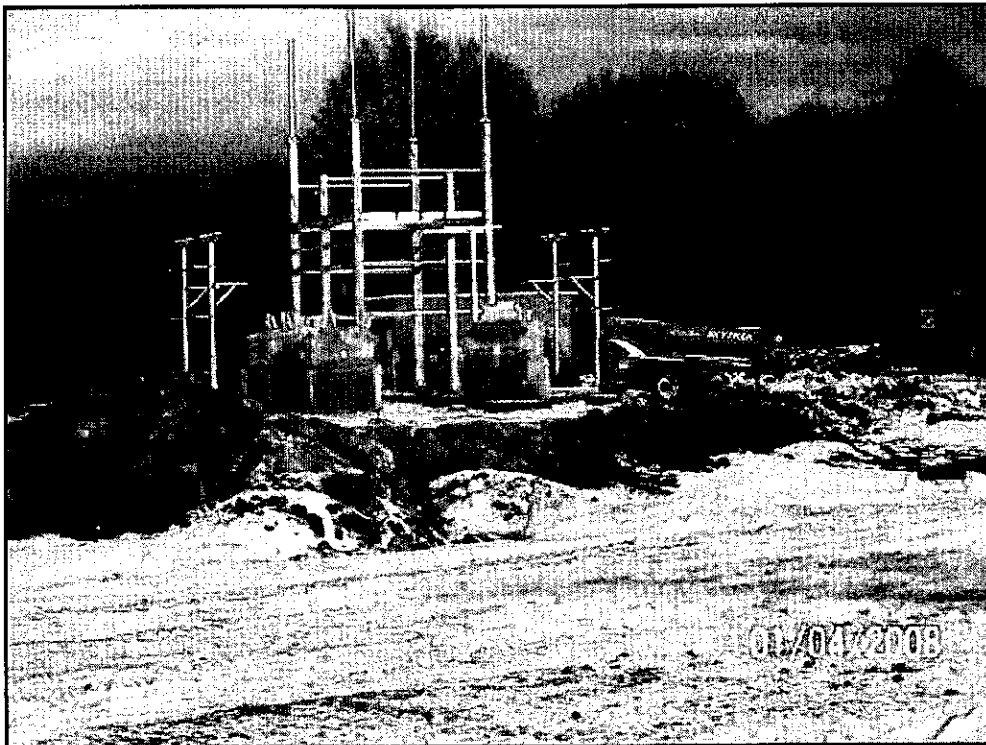
Laying the underground 34.5kV transmission line under an access road



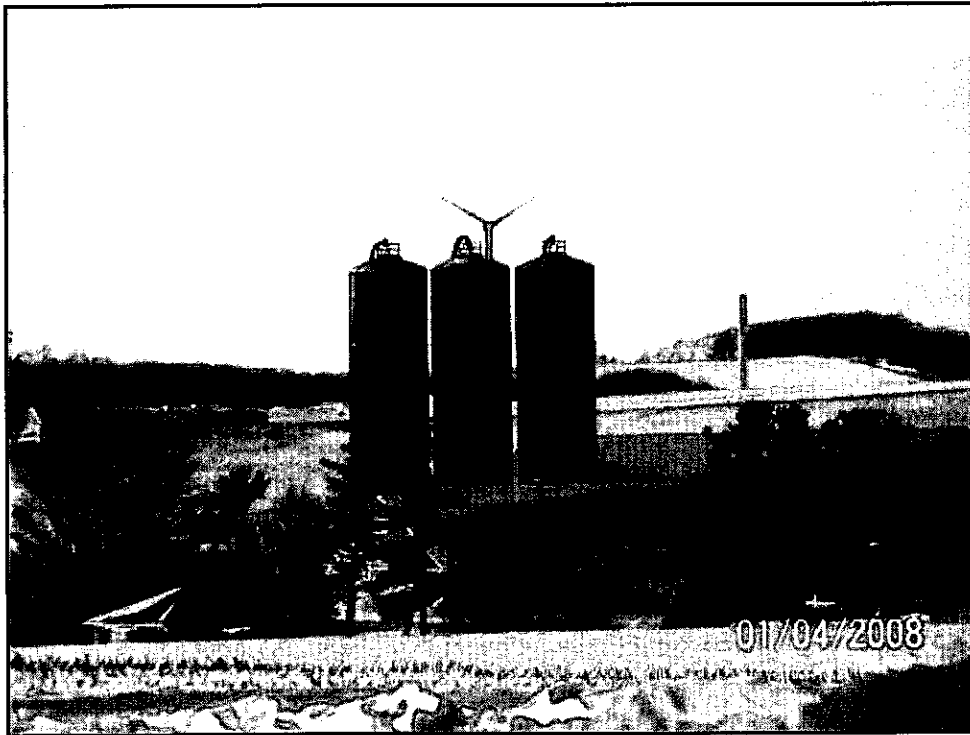
Turbine 1A under construction



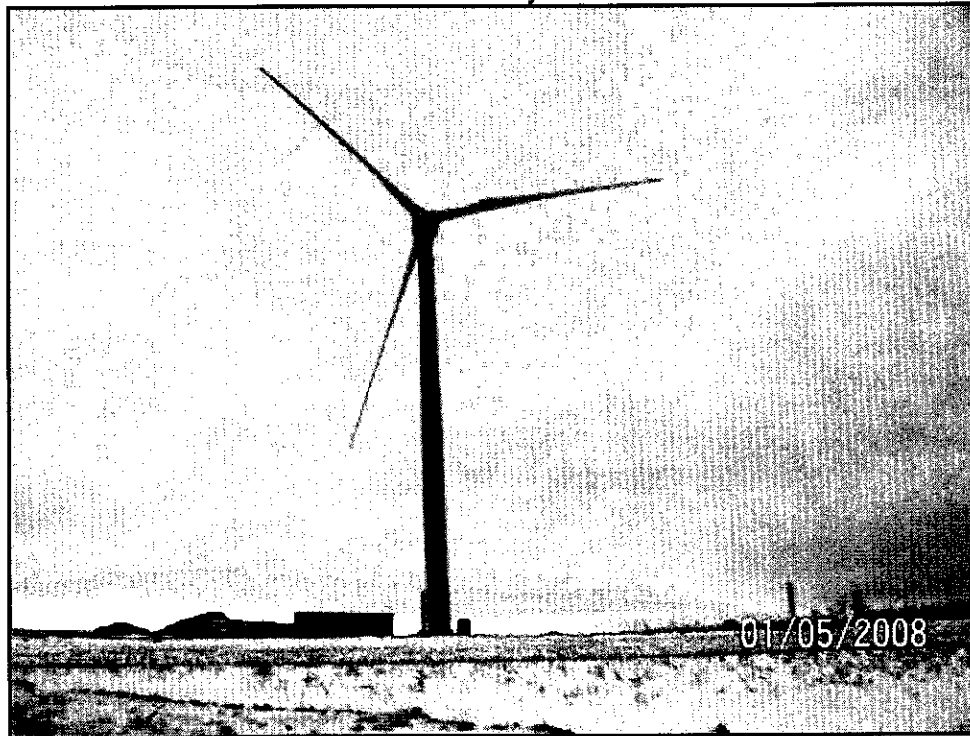
Tree clearing on the 115 kV Transmission Line near State Route 415



Lent Hill Substation



Turbine 4A fully erected



Turbine 4A

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