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PSC Public Hearing for Northern Divide Wind Project and Associated Transmission Line to be Held Remotely

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a public hearing on Friday, April 17, regarding a proposal to construct a wind farm and associated electric transmission line in Burke County. The hearing originally scheduled to be held in Bowbells will now be held remotely to keep in compliance with directives from public health officials to not have public gatherings and in accordance with Governor Burgum's Executive Order 2020-25.

Northern Divide Wind, LLC (a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources), has submitted an application for permits for the Northern Divide Wind Energy Center and an associated transmission line. The wind farm will have a capacity of approximately 200 megawatts and will consist of up to 76 wind turbine generators and associated facilities.

The project will also include a 41-mile long, 345-kilovolt transmission line that starts at the proposed wind farm in Burke County and extends to Basin Electric's Tande Substation in Mountrail County. (Note to the media: A map showing the proposed location of the wind project and transmission line has been provided to you for use with any announcements/stories you print.)

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

- Friday, April 17, 2020 9:30 a.m. Central
- View the hearing online: https://psc.nd.gov/public/meetings/live.php
- Listen via telephone: 1-888-585-9008 Room Code 259-316-322

Public Testimony: The Commission will receive testimony to be placed in the official record through the following methods:

- <u>Written</u> written testimony may be submitted beginning on April 17, 2020, through April 27, 2020, by e-mail by sending to ndpsc@nd.gov or by mail addressed to: Public Service Commission, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505
- <u>Telephone</u> the public may testify over the phone by calling 701-328-4081 to be placed on a list. Following the testimony by Northern Divide Wind, LLC, on April 17, the Commission will call you back to receive your testimony in an order determined by the Administrative Law Judge. If you wish to provide documents or photographs for reference during your testimony, please provide them to the above-listed e-mail address with a note expressing the intended use.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is a constitutionally created state agency with authority to permit, site and regulate certain business activities in the state including electric and gas

utilities, telecommunications companies, power plants, electric transmission lines, pipelines, railroads, auctioneers, commercial weighing devices, pipeline safety and coal mine reclamation. For more information, contact the Public Service Commission at (701) 328-2400 or www.psc.nd.gov.

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