

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**EDF Renewable Development Corporation, Inc.
Merricourt Wind Power Project
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-08-932
OAH File No. 20170176**

ORDER ON PETITION TO INTERVENE

Timothy J. Dawson, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, 2911 North 14th Street, Suite 303, Bismarck, ND 58503.

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On September 1, 2017, Kevin Pranis, Marketing Manager, Laborers’ District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota, submitted a Petition for Intervention.

North Dakota Century Code § 28-32-28 addresses intervention in adjudicative proceedings and provides as follows:

An administrative agency may grant intervention in an adjudicative proceeding to promote the interests of justice if intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding and if the petitioning intervenor demonstrates that the petitioner’s legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of statute or rule. The agency may impose conditions and limitations upon intervention. The agency shall give reasonable notice of the intervention to all parties. An administrative agency may adopt rules relating to intervention in an adjudicative proceeding.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has adopted its own rules relating to intervention. The Commission’s rule on intervention provides in part as follows:

Any person with a substantial interest in a proceeding may petition to intervene in that proceeding by complying with this section. An intervention may be granted if the petitioner has a statutory right to be a party to the proceeding; or the

petitioner has a legal interest which may be substantially affected by the proceeding, and the intervention would not unduly broaden the issues or delay the proceeding. The commission may impose conditions and limitations on an intervention to promote the interests of justice.

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Contents of petition to intervene. A petition to intervene must be in writing and must set forth the grounds for intervention, the position and interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, what the petitioner would contribute to the hearing, and whether the petitioner's position is in support of or in opposition to the relief sought.

N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-02-05.

The Petition set forth the grounds for intervention, the position and interest of the petitioner, what the petitioner can contribute to the hearing, and their positions with respect to the relief sought by the applicant. The petitioner has each presented sufficient information to satisfy the statutory intervention requirements set forth in N.D.C.C. § 28-32-28 and the Commission's rules on intervention.

Having considered the written submission of the Petitioner, it is hereby ORDERED that the Petitioner is permitted to appear as an intervenor in PSC Case No. PU-08-932.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 12th day of September, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the **ORDER ON PETITION TO INTERVENE** was mailed by electronic mail on the 12th day of September, 2017, to:

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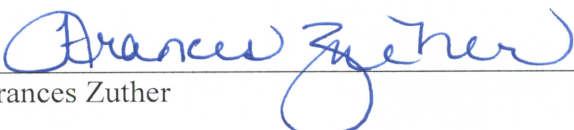
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