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October 23, 2020

Mr. Steve Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

Re: ***Notice of Extraordinary Event (Site Certificate No. 23)***
EDF Renewable Development, Inc/Otter Tail Power Co.
Merricourt Wind Project Siting Application
Case Nos. PU-08-932 and PU-19-144

Dear Mr. Kahl:

In accordance with certification provision No. 32 relating to the above-mentioned Site Certificate, this letter is to advise the Commission that on October 17, 2020 during the turbine supplier's testing and commissioning of a series of wind turbines, a blade for turbine 55 failed and came apart. No injuries were reported. The turbine site has been barricaded off with security posted to prevent unauthorized access. The turbine supplier is conducting safety inspections and analyzing the event and cause of the defect.

By way of background, our company acquired the 150 MW Merricourt Wind Project (the "Project") from EDF Renewables Development, Inc. and certain of its affiliates ("EDF") on July 16, 2019. Since early August 2019, an affiliate of EDF has been constructing the Project under a Turnkey Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Services Agreement. As the primary contractor for our company, an affiliate of EDF, in turn, is party to a Wind Turbine Supply Agreement with Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc. ("Vestas") under which Vestas is to supply the wind turbines and perform certain related services for the Merricourt Wind Project.

Please feel free to call me at (218) 739-8922 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Bring

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