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RE: Case Nos. PU-08-932 and PU-19-144  
Merricourt Wind energy conversion facility

The North Dakota Public Service Commission retained Wenck Associates, Inc., now known as Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantek) as a third-party vendor to provide construction inspection services in Case No. PU-08-932. The Commission's June 26, 2019, Order in Case No. PU-19-144 approved the transfer of Site Certificate Number 23 for the Merricourt Wind Project from EDF Renewable Development, Inc. to Otter Tail Power Company (OTP).

On November 5, 2021, Wenck filed an As-Built Inspection Report (Report) regarding the Merricourt Wind Project. The Report can be viewed at <https://psc.nd.gov/database/documents/08-0932/281-010.pdf>.

Stantec reported several issues in the Report. Staff requests that OTP provide, within 15 days, information regarding the status of the following items and OTP's remediation of the issues before the end of the year.

1. The status of reclamation activities, re-grading of poorly graded areas, maintenance of BMPs, and potential need for additional BMPs until sufficient perennial vegetation in permanently established.
2. The status of recent plowing and/or seeding evidenced by soil disturbance, erosion, and lack of vegetation at T-40.
3. The status of SWPPP related deficiencies.
4. Repair of damaged drain crossings inlets and outlets.
5. Additional road stabilization to prevent fill washing into croplands.

You may contact me at 701-328-4077 with any questions concerning this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Fahn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Patrick Fahn  
Director, Public Utilities Division