



July 28, 2009

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Department 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Ashtabula Wind II, LLC – Ashtabula Wind II Energy Center, Griggs and Steele Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-09-221)**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

As you know, Ashtabula Wind II LLC, (Case No. PU-09-221) began construction of the wind energy center on July 9, 2009 after the Official Notice of Commencement of Construction. The construction contractor met with United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) representatives earlier that week in order to determine the boundaries of all USFWS wetlands in the south field and stake them accordingly in order to avoid any impact concerns.

During this time, the USFWS representative informed the onsite environmental monitor that the average water level of a specific amount of acreage that was leased is used to determine the size of the wetland from year to year. Therefore, actual wetland basins can increase and decrease in size on a yearly basis.

After identifying the easement boundaries, it was determined that one of the turbines, Turbine 179, was located in a USFWS wetland easement. In order to avoid impacting this wetland, Turbine 179 should be moved approximately 156 ft north of the old location to avoid the wetland. The associated collection line and road will also be moved. Please see the attached figure showing the original and newly proposed location.

There are no other environmental impacts associated with this move.

This letter serves as the notice required by paragraph 32 on page 10 of the order. We respectfully request written approval from the Commission or the Commission Staff to make this change. Please call me at (617) 457-8272 or Mr. Brian Bjella (applicant's counsel) at (701) 223-6585 with any questions.

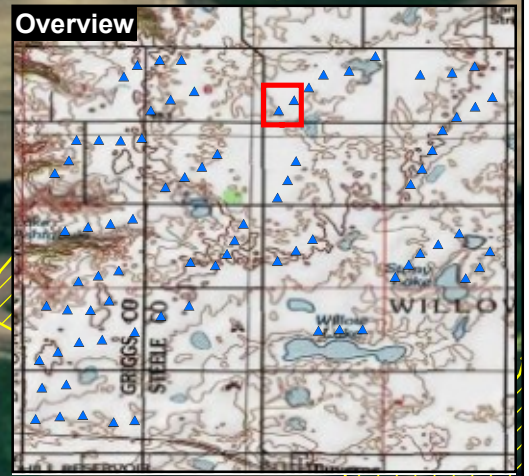
Sincerely,

**TETRA TECH EC, INC.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey M. Martorano', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tracey M. Martorano, P.E.  
Senior Project Manager

cc: Brian Bjella (Applicants Counsel)



# NextEra Energy - Ashtabula Wind II, LLC

## Turbine 179 Location Detail

### Legend

- ▲ New WTG Locations (07-17-09)
- Access Roads (07-15-09)
- ▲ Existing WTG Locations (05-22-09)
- Access Roads (05-22-09)
- USFWS Polygon

