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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Kevin Kramer, Chairman  
ND Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Kramer:

RE: 230-kV Transmission Line – Oliver Wind III, LLC  
Case No. PU-09-724

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has reviewed this project for wildlife concerns.

Our primary concern is the possible disturbance of native prairie and wetland areas during construction of the transmission line. We ask that work within these areas be avoided to the extent possible, above-ground appurtenances not be placed in wetland areas, and disturbed areas be reclaimed to pre-project conditions.

We recommend that overhead lines be marked when placed over perennial streams or sited in close proximity to large wetland complexes to minimize possible avian impacts. The publication "Mitigating Bird Collisions with Power Lines: the State of the Art in 1994" provides a range of management options which can be used to reduce avian collisions.

Sincerely,

(for) Michael G. McKenna  
Chief  
Conservation & Communication Division

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Letter Comments on proposed project

North Dakota Game & Fish Department

Michael McKenna - Chief

