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*Via Electronic Mail*

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In re: Oliver Wind I, LLC  
Oliver Wind Energy Center - Decommissioning  
Case Nos. PU-10-101, PU-21-368  
Our File No. 035218-000023

Dear Mr. Renfandt:

I am writing on behalf of Oliver Wind I, LLC ("Oliver I") in response to your request for additional information regarding repower activities at the Oliver Wind Energy Center located in Oliver County, North Dakota. The scope of the repower included replacing up-tower components including blades, hubs, pitch systems, bearings, and gearboxes, and activities that did not impact the nameplate capacity of exiting turbines. Additionally, the repower did not involve earth-disturbing activities (i.e., existing towers were utilized, turbine foundations were not altered, and no new turbines were installed). Because the repower activities did not substantially change the up-tower decommissioning process, Oliver I does not believe costs for up-tower decommissioning activities materially change from prior estimates.

You also inquired about the applicability of N.D.C.C. § 49-22-07(3), which requires certain facilities that have not been issued a certificate of site compatibility to obtain a siting certificate prior to repowering. Section 49-22-07(3) was recently adopted during the 2021 Legislative Session and became effective August 1, 2021. *See* S.L. 2021, ch. 346 (H.B. 1095), § 2. Repower activities occurred prior to statute's effective date and siting authorization was not required.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Casey A. Furey

cc: Tracy Davis (via email)

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