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Via Electronic Mail

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In re: Wilton Wind Energy II, LLC
Wilton II Wind Energy Center
Response to Notice of Non-Compliance
Case No. PU-10-108
Our File No. 035218-000023

Dear Mr. Fahn:

Wilton Wind Energy II, LLC (“Wilton Wind II”)¹ is in receipt of the Notice of Non-Compliance dated July 14, 2020 in the above-referenced proceeding (“Notice”), related to the requirement in North Dakota Administrative Code (“N.D. Admin. Code”) § 69-09-09-03 for the “owner” of a commercial wind energy conversion facility to “annually file a certificate of operation with the commission for that facility by April first of each year.” Wilton Wind II respectfully submits that it is not in non-compliance with the requirement in N.D. Admin. Code § 69-09-09-03, for the reasons described below. Nevertheless, and to address any question that the Commission or Staff may have regarding the operational status of this facility, enclosed is Wilton Wind II’s certificate of operation for calendar year 2019.

As described in the Notice, the definition of an “owner” that is required to submit a certificate of operation pursuant to this requirement is defined in N.D. Admin. Code § 69-09-09-01(9) as:

¹ As provided for in Wilton Wind II’s July 1, 2020 decommissioning filing (PU-10-108, Docket No. 17), Wilton Wind Energy II, LLC owns and operates the Wilton II Wind Energy Center which was formerly owned and operated by NextEra Energy Resources, LLC’s indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary Wilton Wind II, LLC.

“Owner” means a person who holds a certificate of site compatibility pursuant to North Dakota Century Code chapter 49-22, or if no certificate was issued, a person who owns a facility or part of a facility.

The underlined language included in this definition was recently added to § 69-09-09-01(9), in Case No. PU-19-291, which amendment was effective July 1, 2020. Therefore, prior to July 1, 2020, the “owner” of a facility that was required to file a certificate of operation was defined only to include “a person who holds a certificate of site compatibility pursuant to North Dakota Century Code chapter 49-22.”

Wilton Wind II owns the Wilton II Wind Energy Center in Burleigh County, North Dakota. This wind facility did not previously receive a certificate of site compatibility under North Dakota Century Code (“NDCC”) chapter 49-22. Thus, at the time that the annual certificate of operations filings for 2019 were due on April 1, 2020, the requirement to submit such certificate did not apply to Wilton Wind II. Furthermore, the July 1 amendment is not retroactive in nature and does not require Wilton Wind II to submit filings for periods of time in which it was not otherwise subject to the provisions of N.D. Admin. Code Ch. 69-09-09. Accordingly, Wilton Wind II submits that it is not out of compliance with the requirements in N.D. Admin. Code § 69-09-09-03.

However, in order to address any questions that the Commission or Staff may have regarding its operations, Wilton Wind II provides the attached certificate of operation for calendar year 2019. Wilton Wind II is available to provide any further information that the Commission or Staff may require. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Casey A. Furey

Encl.

cc: Tracy Davis (via email)
Brian Johnson (via email)
Patrick Fahn (via email)
Adam Renfandt (via email)

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Wilton Wind Energy II, LLC
Wilton Wind II Energy Center – Burleigh County**

PU-10-108

**CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION PURSUANT TO
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 69-09-09-03**

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-09-09-03, the undersigned, Terrell K. Crews II, President, a representative of Wilton Wind Energy II, LLC, hereby states as follows:

1. I am a person of legal age, legally competent, and have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

2. Pursuant to N.D. Admin Code § 69-09-09-01(2), the following information is provided for the Wilton Wind II Energy Center for the 2019 calendar year:
 - a. Nameplate generating capacity: 49.5 MW
 - b. Annual capacity factor: 38.9%
 - c. Annual megawatt hour output: 163,382
 - d. Monthly megawatt hour output:

Month	Generation
January	17,188
February	12,715
March	16,640
April	14,500
May	13,779
June	11,913
July	9,702
August	12,120
September	14,544
October	19,136
November	13,866
December	7,279

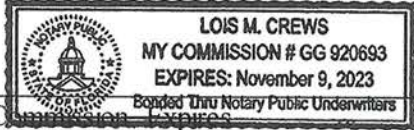
Dated this 21st day of July 2020.




Terrell K. Crews II
President
Wilton Wind Energy II, LLC

STATE OF FLORIDA)
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COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

On this 21st day of July 2020, before me personally appeared Terrell K. Crews II, known to me to be a representative of Wilton Wind Energy II, LLC, that is described within and executed, and acknowledged to me that such limited liability company executed the same.




Notary Public