

roads and collection lines needed for the remaining turbines are included in the final layout.

- b. B – Alternate Turbine Sites: A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional wetland near Turbine 40 would have been impacted by the associated access road and collection system. In order to avoid the jurisdictional wetland, Meadowlark is replacing Turbine 40 with Turbine 39. Both turbine locations are on the same landowner's land, and the change was approved by the landowner. In addition, Meadowlark is replacing Turbine 58 with Turbine 44 in order to reduce the necessary access road length by approximately one-half mile, thus reducing the surface disturbance and associated construction costs. Both turbines are on the same landowner's land, and the change was approved by the landowner. Turbine 39 and Turbine 44 were part of the layout approved by the Commission in its Order issuing the Certificate of Site Compatibility, dated April 26, 2012.
- c. C – Minor Turbine/Met Tower Shifts: Turbine 11 and Turbine 24 have each been shifted less than 200 feet due to micrositing. Also, the temporary meteorological tower will be removed and a permanent meteorological tower will be erected approximately one-half mile to the south in order to avoid interference with Turbine 9.
- d. D – Minor Access Road/Collection Line Changes: Minor changes to access roads and collection lines have been made to accommodate landowner preferences, to avoid section lines, and to avoid U.S. Air Force Minot Air Force Base military cables in the area.

e. E – Layout Site Selection: Meadowlark’s construction contractor identified the specific location of the laydown/batch plant area, and the location has been approved by the landowner.

5. The Project layout complies with all requirements set forth in the Commission’s Order.

6. The turbine modifications comply with the setback and shadow flicker commitments set forth in Order Paragraph No. 4(c) and (d), and the Commission’s sound avoidance area criterion. In accordance with Order Paragraph Nos. 7 and 8, updated noise and shadow flicker analysis reports are attached as **Exhibits B** and **C**, respectively.

7. Some of the proposed modifications fell outside of the areas surveyed for cultural resources and wetlands. In accordance with Order Paragraph Nos. 5 and 6, Meadowlark completed Class III cultural resource field surveys and wetland delineations of any previously unsurveyed areas that will be impacted by Project construction activities.

8. The Cultural Resources Addendum II Report for the New Frontier Wind Energy Project, McHenry County, North Dakota; and Cultural Resources Addendum III Report for the New Frontier Wind Energy Project, McHenry County, North Dakota are attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. No cultural resources were identified within the newly surveyed areas, and no cultural resources will be impacted by the layout modifications. The cultural resource reports have been reviewed by the North Dakota State Historical Society, and copies of their responses are attached as **Exhibit E**.

9. The Evaluation of Wetlands Within Previously Un-Surveyed Areas of Project Layout (reports dated November 27, 2017 and May 2, 2018) are attached hereto as **Exhibit F**. Three U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdictional wetland areas were identified during the field

survey. All three wetland areas will be avoided during construction, and the areas will be flagged prior to construction to ensure no impacts to these features occur.

10. The Project layout modifications and associated construction activities will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas within the designated Project site.


11. With respect to the Project, including the layout modifications, Meadowlark will comply with the Commission's Order, including applicable siting laws and rules.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

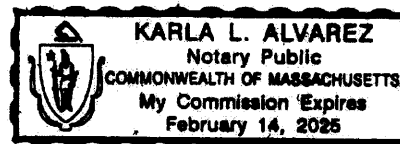


Christopher Kopecky

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 2nd day of May, 2018.



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