



May 30, 2018

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Attn: Mr. Jerry Lein  
Public Utilities Division  
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Subject: Thunder Spirit Wind Project (Phase 2)  
Wind Turbine Access Road Shifts  
Case No. PU-11-601

Mr. Lein,

On October 9, 2013 the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) approved a Certificate of Site Compatibility (Certificate) for the Thunder Spirit Wind Project (Project). The Certificate was subsequently amended on August 14, 2014. In 2017 Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU) purchased the Project. ALLETE Clean Energy will be continuing construction on Phase 2 throughout 2018.

During Project engineering, one access road shift was needed to improve the Project's constructability. As a result, MDU is requesting PSC approval for an access road shift between Turbine #8 and Turbine #9.

This access road shift can be found on the attached Figure 1. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office concurrence of "No Effect" can be found in Attachment A of this letter.

If any additional information is required by the PSC for approval please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel McCourtney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Daniel McCourtney  
ALLETE Clean Energy

DM:sr  
cc. Wells McGiffert  
Jim Moran  
John Hollingsworth  
David Moeller (electronically)

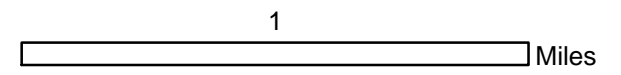
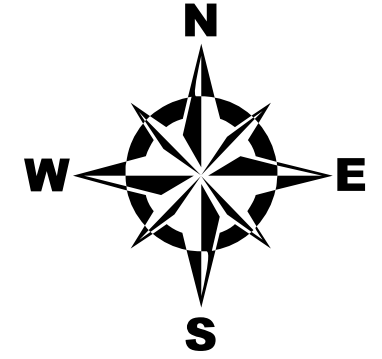
# Thunder Spirit Phase 2 Proposed Road Shift

Figure 1

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- Legend**
- Thunder Spirit Phase 2 Turbine Locations
  - Originally Permitted Thunder Spirit Phase 2 Access Road
  - Originally Permitted Road That Will Not Be Built
  - Proposed Access Road Change



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



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Attachment A

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**ND SHPO Ref: 11-1854K ND Public Service Commission (PSC) "A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the 2018 Addendum to the Thunder Spirit II Wind Farm in Adams County, North Dakota"**

Dear Ms. Brooks,

We reviewed ND SHPO Ref: 11-1854K ND Public Service Commission (PSC) "A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the 2018 Addendum to the Thunder Spirit II Wind Farm in Adams County, North Dakota," and find the report acceptable. There has been a good faith effort to identify and avoid impacts to "Significant Sites," provided the project remains as described and mapped in this BCA report dated May 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions please contact or Susan Quinnell at [squinnell@nd.gov](mailto:squinnell@nd.gov) or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Claudia J. Berg  
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota