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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

> RE: **Courtenay Wind Farm, LLC's Certificate of Site Compatibility Application for the Courtenay Wind Farm in Stutsman County, North Dakota**
> **Case No. PU-13-64**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

In accordance with provision no. 5 of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions ("Certification") incorporated into the North Dakota Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order granting a Certificate of Site Compatibility ("Order") for the Courtenay Wind Farm ("Project"), dated November 13, 2014, Courtenay Wind Farm, LLC ("Courtenay"), hereby notifies the Commission and its third-party construction inspector of its intent to begin construction of the Project. Construction is anticipated to begin on or about November 12, 2014. In accordance with provision no. 2 of the Certification, a pre-construction telephone conference was held on October 13, 2014, and the notes from the telephone conference are enclosed for filing. In accordance with provision no. 4 of the Certification, also enclosed for filing are copies of temporary driveway permits issued for the Project by the North Dakota Department of Transportation ("ND DOT").

In addition, Courtenay requests that the Commission approve a shift in the location of one of the Project's permanent meteorological towers. As a result of continued eagle nest coordination with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Courtenay no longer plans to utilize certain approved turbine sites, including turbine nos. 24, 25 and 26. Therefore, a permanent meteorological tower planned to be constructed near those turbines also needs to be relocated, and must be located near other turbine sites in order to provide useful data. Courtenay proposes to construct the meteorological tower near turbine nos. 14 and 15. Enclosed are: (1) a map showing the approved location and the proposed new location of the permanent meteorological tower; and (2) a map of the modified final turbine layout, which identifies the updated primary and alternative turbine sites, the permanent meteorological tower sites and the substation site.

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Letter of intent to begin construction, permits, request to approve tower location change
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The proposed permanent meteorological tower location is on land leased by Courtenay, and the landowner has agreed to the proposed location and is happy to host the permanent meteorological tower. Courtenay has conducted cultural resource field surveys and wetland delineations of the proposed location, and no cultural resources were identified and no wetlands will be impacted. In addition, Courtenay obtained a Determination of No Hazard for the proposed meteorological tower location from the Federal Aviation Administration, a copy of which is enclosed.

To summarize, an original and ten (10) copies of this letter and the following documents are enclosed for filing:

1. Notes from the October 13, 2014 pre-construction telephone conference;
2. ND DOT Temporary Driveway Permit Nos. 1406, 1407 and 1408 (provided in accordance with Certification provision no. 4);
3. Map of the approved location and proposed location of the permanent meteorological tower;
4. Modified map of the final construction layout for the Project (provided in accordance with Order paragraph no. 4, and replaces the final layout filed on March 27, 2014); and
5. FAA Determination of No Hazard (for the proposed meteorological tower location discussed above, and provided in accordance with Certification provision no. 4).

Electronic versions of this letter and the above-referenced documents have also been e-mailed to ndpsc@nd.gov.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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