

## **APPENDIX B      AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE**

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## **Request for Comment Letters Sent**



February 10, 2014

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Central Stark & Western Soil Conservation District  
Bonnie Twogood  
District Manager  
2948 4th Ave. West, Room C  
Dickinson, ND 58601

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear District Manager Twogood,

Tetra Tech has been contracted by Sunflower Wind Project, LLC to prepare an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility, in accordance with Section 49-22-07 NDCC. The proposed Sunflower Wind Energy Project (Project) would be constructed on approximately 12,700 acres of leased private property. The north side of Project area boundary is located along I-94, and is approximately 3 miles south of Hebron, North Dakota. As currently planned, the Project would have a generating capacity of approximately 110 megawatts (MW) and would consist of up to 59 wind turbine generators as well as access roads, electrical collection systems and cabling, an operation and maintenance (O&M) building, a substation, and an interconnection yard where the Project will interconnect to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Western Area Power Administration (Western)'s Dickinson-Mandan 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The proposed Project area shown in the attached figure is the primary focus of our investigation.

Per Section 69-06-01-05 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)'s administrative rules, we are consulting the Central Stark & Western Soil Conservation District for assistance in identifying concerns or issues within the boundaries of the tracts listed below that would influence a decision regarding the use of the land, as well as applicable permits that may be required from your office. This information will be used to help guide Project development in a manner that identifies and avoids impacts to sensitive resources where practicable.

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Cc: Casey Willis, Sunflower Wind, LLC

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Federal Aviation Administration  
Laurie Suttmeier  
District Manager Officer  
Bismarck Airports District Office, BIS-ADO-600  
2301 University Drive, Building 23B  
Bismarck, ND 58504

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear District Manager Officer Suttmeier,

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Morton County Highway Department  
Michael Aubol  
County Engineer  
2916 37th St. NW  
Mandan, ND 58554

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear County Engineer Aubol,

Tetra Tech has been contracted by Sunflower Wind Project, LLC to prepare an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility, in accordance with Section 49-22-07 NDCC. The proposed Sunflower Wind Energy Project (Project) would be constructed on approximately 12,700 acres of leased private property. The north side of Project area boundary is located along I-94, and is approximately 3 miles south of Hebron, North Dakota. As currently planned, the Project would have a generating capacity of approximately 110 megawatts (MW) and would consist of up to 59 wind turbine generators as well as access roads, electrical collection systems and cabling, an operation and maintenance (O&M) building, a substation, and an interconnection yard where the Project will interconnect to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Western Area Power Administration (Western)'s Dickinson-Mandan 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The proposed Project area shown in the attached figure is the primary focus of our investigation.

Per Section 69-06-01-05 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)'s administrative rules, we are consulting the Morton County Highway Department for assistance in identifying concerns or issues within the boundaries of the tracts listed below that would influence a decision regarding the use of the land, as well as applicable permits that may be required from your office. This information will be used to help guide Project development in a manner that identifies and avoids impacts to sensitive resources where practicable.

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Morton County Planning Commission  
c/o Daniel Nairn  
Director of Planning & Zoning  
2916 37th St. NW  
Mandan, ND 58554

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Director of Planning & Zoning Nairn,

Tetra Tech has been contracted by Sunflower Wind Project, LLC to prepare an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility, in accordance with Section 49-22-07 NDCC. The proposed Sunflower Wind Energy Project (Project) would be constructed on approximately 12,700 acres of leased private property. The north side of Project area boundary is located along I-94, and is approximately 3 miles south of Hebron, North Dakota. As currently planned, the Project would have a generating capacity of approximately 110 megawatts (MW) and would consist of up to 59 wind turbine generators as well as access roads, electrical collection systems and cabling, an operation and maintenance (O&M) building, a substation, and an interconnection yard where the Project will interconnect to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Western Area Power Administration (Western)'s Dickinson-Mandan 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The proposed Project area shown in the attached figure is the primary focus of our investigation.

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Morton County Soil Conservation District  
Jim Hophauf  
District Board Chair  
3360 58th St.  
Flasher, ND 58535

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear District Board Chair Hophauf,

Tetra Tech has been contracted by Sunflower Wind Project, LLC to prepare an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility, in accordance with Section 49-22-07 NDCC. The proposed Sunflower Wind Energy Project (Project) would be constructed on approximately 12,700 acres of leased private property. The north side of Project area boundary is located along I-94, and is approximately 3 miles south of Hebron, North Dakota. As currently planned, the Project would have a generating capacity of approximately 110 megawatts (MW) and would consist of up to 59 wind turbine generators as well as access roads, electrical collection systems and cabling, an operation and maintenance (O&M) building, a substation, and an interconnection yard where the Project will interconnect to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Western Area Power Administration (Western)'s Dickinson-Mandan 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The proposed Project area shown in the attached figure is the primary focus of our investigation.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Mary Podoll  
State Conservationist  
North Dakota State Office  
220 East Rosser Ave, Federal Building, Rm 270  
Bismarck, ND 58501

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear State Conservationist Podoll,

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North Dakota Aeronautics Commission  
Kyle Wanner  
Interim Director & Aviation Planner  
PO Box 5020  
Bismarck, ND 58502

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Interim Director & Aviation Planner Wanner,

Tetra Tech has been contracted by Sunflower Wind Project, LLC to prepare an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility, in accordance with Section 49-22-07 NDCC. The proposed Sunflower Wind Energy Project (Project) would be constructed on approximately 12,700 acres of leased private property. The north side of Project area boundary is located along I-94, and is approximately 3 miles south of Hebron, North Dakota. As currently planned, the Project would have a generating capacity of approximately 110 megawatts (MW) and would consist of up to 59 wind turbine generators as well as access roads, electrical collection systems and cabling, an operation and maintenance (O&M) building, a substation, and an interconnection yard where the Project will interconnect to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Western Area Power Administration (Western)'s Dickinson-Mandan 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The proposed Project area shown in the attached figure is the primary focus of our investigation.

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North Dakota Attorney General  
Wayne Stenehjem  
State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 125  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Stenehjem,

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North Dakota Attorney General

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North Dakota Department of Agriculture  
Doug Goehring  
Agriculture Commissioner  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept 602  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Agriculture Commissioner Goehring,

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North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education  
Wayne Kutzer  
Director and Executive Officer  
State Capitol, 15th Floor  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 270  
Bismarck, ND 58505

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Dear Director and Executive Officer Kutzer,

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North Dakota Department of Commerce  
Al Anderson  
Commissioner  
1600 E. Century Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58503

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North Dakota Department of Health  
Terry Dwelle  
State Health Officer  
Gold Seal Center  
918 E. Divide Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58501

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Dear State Health Officer Dwelle,

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North Dakota Department of Human Services  
Maggie Anderson  
Executive Director  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 325  
Bismarck, ND 58505

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Bonnie Storbakken  
Commissioner of Labor  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 406  
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North Dakota Department of Transportation  
Kevin Levi  
District Engineer  
Bismarck District  
218 South Airport Road  
Bismarck, ND 58504

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

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North Dakota Department of Transportation  
Larry Gangl  
District Engineer  
Dickinson District  
1700 Third Avenue West, Suite 101  
Dickinson, ND 58601

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North Dakota Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office  
Gerry Fisher  
Assistant Director  
PO Box 5523  
Bismarck, ND 58506

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

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North Dakota Game and Fish Department  
Terry Steinwand  
Director  
100 N. Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

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North Dakota Geologic Survey  
Edward Murphy  
State Geologist  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear State Geologist Murphy,

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North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission  
Scott Davis  
Executive Director  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
1st Floor Judicial Wing, Rm 117  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

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North Dakota Industrial Commission, Renewable Energy Program  
Karlene Fine  
Industrial Commissioner  
State Capitol, 14th Floor  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 405  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Industrial Commissioner Fine,

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North Dakota Office of Management & Budget  
Pam Sharp  
Director  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 110  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

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North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department  
Mark Zimmerman  
Director  
1600 E. Century Ave, Suite 3  
Bismarck, ND 58503

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

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North Dakota Soild Conservation Committee  
Scott Hochhalter  
State Soil Specialist  
NDSU Extension Service  
2718 Gateway Ave., Ste 104  
Bismarck, ND 58503

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

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North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office  
Fern Swenson  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
612 East Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Swenson,

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North Dakota State Land Department  
Lance Gaebe  
Land Commissioner  
1707 North 9th Street  
PO Box 5523  
Bismarck, ND 58506

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Land Commissioner Gaebe,

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North Dakota State Water Commission  
Todd Sando  
State Engineer  
900 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept 770  
Bismarck, ND 58505

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Governor  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Governor Dalrymple,

Tetra Tech has been contracted by Sunflower Wind Project, LLC to prepare an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility, in accordance with Section 49-22-07 NDCC. The proposed Sunflower Wind Energy Project (Project) would be constructed on approximately 12,700 acres of leased private property. The north side of Project area boundary is located along I-94, and is approximately 3 miles south of Hebron, North Dakota. As currently planned, the Project would have a generating capacity of approximately 110 megawatts (MW) and would consist of up to 59 wind turbine generators as well as access roads, electrical collection systems and cabling, an operation and maintenance (O&M) building, a substation, and an interconnection yard where the Project will interconnect to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Western Area Power Administration (Western)'s Dickinson-Mandan 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The proposed Project area shown in the attached figure is the primary focus of our investigation.

Per Section 69-06-01-05 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)'s administrative rules, we are consulting the Office of the Governor for assistance in identifying concerns or issues within the boundaries of the tracts listed below that would influence a decision regarding the use of the land, as well as applicable permits that may be required from your office. This information will be used to help guide Project development in a manner that identifies and avoids impacts to sensitive resources where practicable.

We have sent similar query letters to other federal and state agencies regarding this proposal. We would appreciate a response by March 10, 2014. Please contact me at [Dale.Bennett@tetrattech.com](mailto:Dale.Bennett@tetrattech.com) or (503) 221.8683 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dale Bennett

Senior Project Manager

Cc: Casey Willis, Sunflower Wind, LLC

Tracey Dubuque, P.E., Tetra Tech



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Stark County Planning Commission  
c/o Steven Josephson  
Director of Planning  
Stark County Courthouse  
PO Box 130  
Dickinson, ND 58601

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Director of Planning Josephson,

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Stark County Road Department  
Al Heiser  
Road Superintendent  
Stark County Courthouse  
PO Box 130  
Dickinson, ND 58602

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Road Superintendent Heiser,

Tetra Tech has been contracted by Sunflower Wind Project, LLC to prepare an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility, in accordance with Section 49-22-07 NDCC. The proposed Sunflower Wind Energy Project (Project) would be constructed on approximately 12,700 acres of leased private property. The north side of Project area boundary is located along I-94, and is approximately 3 miles south of Hebron, North Dakota. As currently planned, the Project would have a generating capacity of approximately 110 megawatts (MW) and would consist of up to 59 wind turbine generators as well as access roads, electrical collection systems and cabling, an operation and maintenance (O&M) building, a substation, and an interconnection yard where the Project will interconnect to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Western Area Power Administration (Western)'s Dickinson-Mandan 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The proposed Project area shown in the attached figure is the primary focus of our investigation.

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State Historic Society of North Dakota  
Merlan Paaverud, Jr.  
Director  
State Historic Preservation Office  
612 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505

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Dear Director Paaverud, Jr.,

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Per Section 69-06-01-05 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)'s administrative rules, we are consulting the State Historic Society of North Dakota for assistance in identifying concerns or issues within the boundaries of the tracts listed below that would influence a decision regarding the use of the land, as well as applicable permits that may be required from your office. This information will be used to help guide Project development in a manner that identifies and avoids impacts to sensitive resources where practicable.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District  
Daniel Cimarosti  
Regulatory Program Manager  
ND Regulatory Office  
1513 South 12th Street  
Bismarck, ND 58504

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Regulatory Program Manager Cimarosti,

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Per Section 69-06-01-05 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)'s administrative rules, we are consulting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District for assistance in identifying concerns or issues within the boundaries of the tracts listed below that would influence a decision regarding the use of the land, as well as applicable permits that may be required from your office. This information will be used to help guide Project development in a manner that identifies and avoids impacts to sensitive resources where practicable.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8  
Shaun McGrath  
Regional Administrator  
EPA Region 8 (8EPR-N)  
1595 Wynkoop St.  
Denver, CO 80202

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Regional Administrator McGrath,

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Per Section 69-06-01-05 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)'s administrative rules, we are consulting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 for assistance in identifying concerns or issues within the boundaries of the tracts listed below that would influence a decision regarding the use of the land, as well as applicable permits that may be required from your office. This information will be used to help guide Project development in a manner that identifies and avoids impacts to sensitive resources where practicable.

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Jeff Towner  
Field Supervisor  
North Dakota Field Office  
3425 Miriam Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58501

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear Field Supervisor Towner,

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Chase Airstrip  
Mr. Keith R. Chase  
Owner  
P.O. Box 48  
Hebron, ND 58638

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear District Manager Twogood,

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Per Section 69-06-01-05 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)'s administrative rules, we are consulting the Central Stark & Western Soil Conservation District for assistance in identifying concerns or issues within the boundaries of the tracts listed below that would influence a decision regarding the use of the land, as well as applicable permits that may be required from your office. This information will be used to help guide Project development in a manner that identifies and avoids impacts to sensitive resources where practicable.


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Glen Ullin Regional Airport  
Mr. Gene Glasser  
Manager  
P.O. Box 306  
Glen Ullin, ND 58631

**RE: Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota (Case No. PU-11-601)**

Dear District Manager Officer Suttmeier,

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Per Section 69-06-01-05 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)'s administrative rules, we are consulting the Federal Aviation Administration for assistance in identifying concerns or issues within the boundaries of the tracts listed below that would influence a decision regarding the use of the land, as well as applicable permits that may be required from your office. This information will be used to help guide Project development in a manner that identifies and avoids impacts to sensitive resources where practicable.

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Federal Aviation Administration

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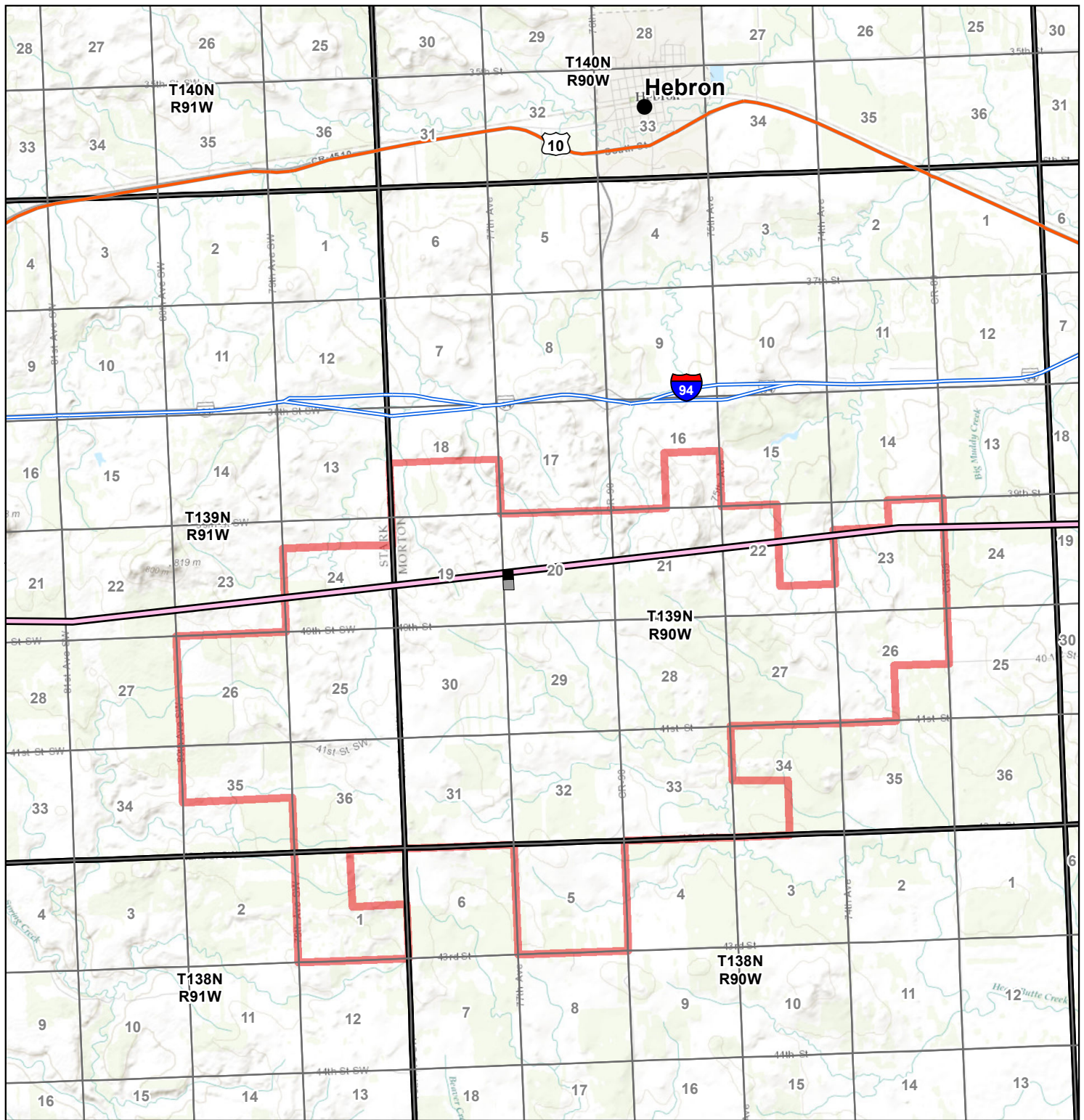
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**Map Attachment to Request for Comment Letters**



**Sunflower Wind Project**  
**Application for North Dakota**  
**Certificate of**  
**Site Compatibility**

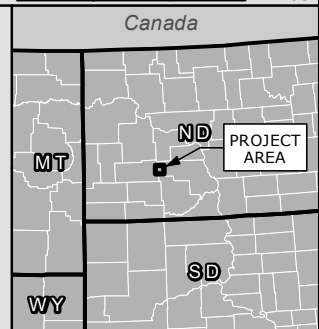
**Project**  
**Location**

Morton and Stark Counties, ND  
 February 2014

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0 0.5 1 1.5 Miles

- Project Area
- Proposed Interconnection
- Proposed Substation
- Township/Range
- Section
- Existing Transmission Line
- County Boundary
- Interstate Highway
- Federal Highway



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## **Agency Comments and Correspondence**

## DAvanzo, Jennifer

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**From:** Wanner, Kyle C. <kcwanner@nd.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 2:47 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Dale; DAvanzo, Jennifer  
**Subject:** RE: Case No. PU-11-601

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Dale,

Thank-you for the information,

Could you please send the information on the wind farm to The Chase Airstrip and the Glen Ullin Municipal Airport to provide them an opportunity to comment as well? Providing them with the distance to the wind farm and updated project map would also be a good idea.

Thanks!

Kyle Wanner, Interim Director  
North Dakota Aeronautics Commission  
w (701) 328-9651  
c (701) 425-5926  
<http://www.nd.gov/ndaero/>



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**From:** Bennett, Dale [mailto:Dale.Bennett@tetrattech.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 4:43 PM  
**To:** Wanner, Kyle C.; DAvanzo, Jennifer  
**Subject:** RE: Case No. PU-11-601

Kyle, Jennifer is in training today but here's the data you requested:

| Airport Name        | Type    | Distance from the<br>Project Area (miles) |
|---------------------|---------|---|
| Chase Airstrip      | Private | 4.4                                       |
| Glen Ullin Regional | Public  | 5.75                                      |
| Richardton          | Public  | 10.7                                      |

Best - Dale

**Dale Bennett** | Project Manager

Direct: 503.721.7210 | Main: 503.221.8636 | Cell: 206.229.5161

[Dale.Bennett@tetrattech.com](mailto:Dale.Bennett@tetrattech.com)

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**From:** Wanner, Kyle C. [<mailto:kcwanner@nd.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2014 8:06 AM

**To:** DAvanzo, Jennifer

**Cc:** Bennett, Dale

**Subject:** RE: Case No. PU-11-601

Thank-you Jennifer,

This information is very helpful. Can you provide me with the straight line distance between the end of the project boundary and these three airports?:

- Glen Ullin Airport
- Richardton Airport
- Chase Airport

Thanks-

Kyle Wanner, Interim Director

North Dakota Aeronautics Commission

w (701) 328-9651

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**From:** DAvanzo, Jennifer [<mailto:Jennifer.Davanzo@tetrattech.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, February 17, 2014 9:29 PM

**To:** Wanner, Kyle C.

**Cc:** Bennett, Dale

**Subject:** FW: Case No. PU-11-601

To Mr. Wanner.

On behalf of Dale Bennett and Sunflower Wind Project LLC, thank you for a reponse to the Sunflower Wind Energy Project comment letter.


Please see the attached figure (Figure 1) per your request and let us know if you would like us to request comments from others.

Kind regards,  
Jennifer D'Avanzo

Jennifer D'Avanzo, PWS | Senior Biologist, Project Manager  
Direct: 503.727.8073 | Main: 503.221.8636 | Fax 503.227.1287  
[jennifer.davanzo@tetrattech.com](mailto:jennifer.davanzo@tetrattech.com)

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**From:** Wanner, Kyle C. [<mailto:kcwanner@nd.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 8:05 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Dale  
**Subject:** Case No. PU-11-601

Dale,

This e-mail is being sent in regards to the letter my office received regarding the Application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota.

Can your company identify which public and private airports are in the vicinity of the project site and send me a map showing the project location in relation to the public/private airports?

From a brief look at the location, it appears that the Glen Ullin Airport is in the vicinity. A database of the private airports in North Dakota can be found at [http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport\\_safety/airportdata\\_5010/](http://www.faa.gov/airports/airport_safety/airportdata_5010/)

Depending on the location of the private and public airports, I may request that those individuals be allowed to comment on the proposal as well.

Thanks,

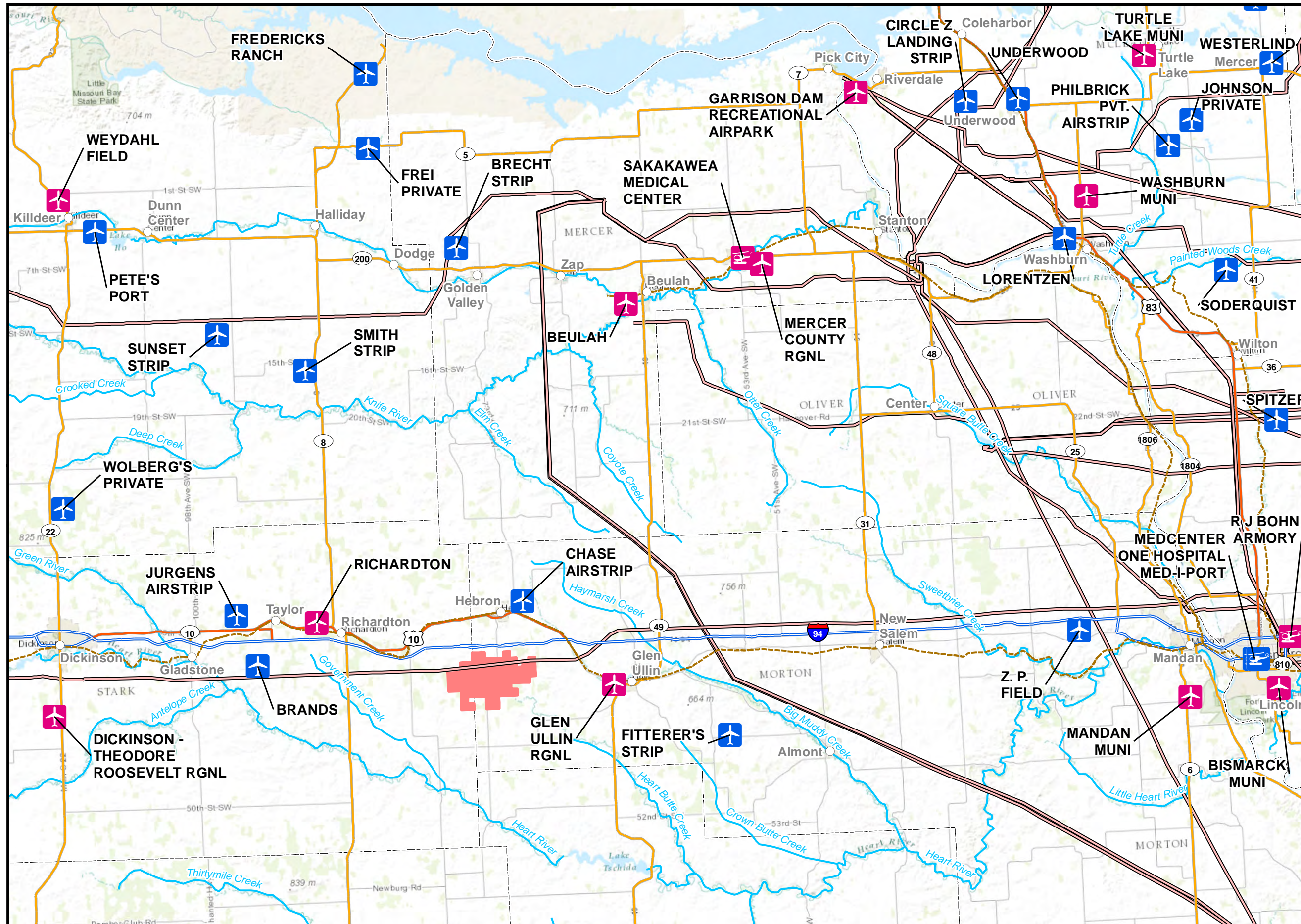
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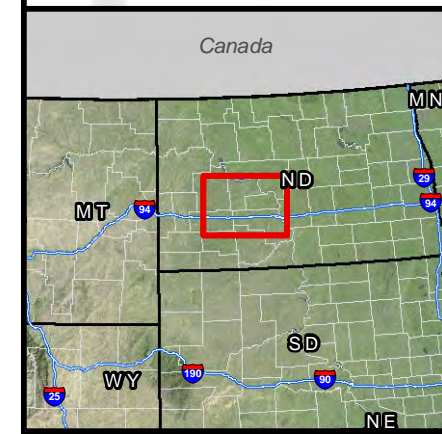
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Figure 1  
Public and Private Airports

Morton and Stark Counties, ND  
February 2014



- Project Area
- County Boundary
- Existing Transmission Line (Over 230 kV)
- Railroad
- Interstate Highway
- Federal Highway
- State Highway
- Stream or River
- City/Town
- Public Airport
- Private Airport
- Public Heliport
- Private Heliport



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## DAvanzo, Jennifer

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**From:** Bennett, Dale  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 9:00 AM  
**To:** Daniel Nairn  
**Cc:** Casey Willis (cwillis@infinitywind.com); DAvanzo, Jennifer  
**Subject:** RE: Sunflower Wind Project

Thanks for your communication regarding the Sunflower Wind Project. Please go ahead and forward the decision of the Morton County Board of County Commissioners on Sunflower's application for a Special Use Permit when the decision is final as you propose.

Best regards

**Dale Bennett** | Project Manager  
Direct: 503.721.7210 | Main: 503.221.8636 | Cell: 206.229.5161  
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**From:** Daniel Nairn [<mailto:Daniel.Nairn@mortonnd.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 14, 2014 7:47 AM  
**To:** Bennett, Dale  
**Subject:** Sunflower Wind Project

Dale,

I received your letter requesting comment for the application to the Public Service Commission for the Sunflower Wind Project. An application for a Special Use Permit from Morton County has been filed for this project, and a public hearing will be held on February 27 with our Planning and Zoning Commission. The earliest the Board of County Commissioners could make a decision on the permit would be during their March 10 meeting.

After the Special Use Permit is reviewed by our board, I can send you a letter to communicate the decision. Obviously, I can't get this to you by the March 10 you've requested in the letter. If I sent you this letter by March 14, would that fit within your timeline?

Thanks,

**Daniel Nairn, AICP**  
Director of Planning and Zoning  
Morton County  
2916 37<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. Mandan, ND 58554  
701-667-3346



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**ND SHPO REF: 14-669 WAPA/PSC PU-13-847 Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Bennett,

We reviewed your very preliminary information on ND SHPO REF: 14-669 WAPA/PSC PU-13-847 Sunflower Wind Energy Project in Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota. There is potential for unrecorded and recorded cultural resource properties in a variety of physiographic settings in the overall project area. As a federal undertaking, we encourage early agency consultation as part of the review process. Early consultation should also include tribal nations, North Dakota Indian Affairs, ND DOT regarding any Scenic Byways, and any managers or owners of properties maintained for recreational or scenic value.

We recommend a Class II (reconnaissance) survey by a permitted architectural historian for standing structures in the visual Area of Potential Effect (APE), and Class III survey of those found to be fifty years of age or older by a permitted architectural historian. Class III archeological (pedestrian) surveys will be warranted for all areas directly impacted by the project, **including crane paths**, access roads, staging areas, transmissions lines and turbine pads. We encourage you to invite tribal monitors to survey the APE. As part of the Class III Inventory, NDCRS site updates should be submitted on all sites resurveyed. If the project APE changes, we will request additional inventories, surveys and consultation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project to date. We look forward to further review of cultural resource surveys and site forms, and updates as the project siting occurs. If you have any questions please contact Paul Picha, Chief Archaeologist (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell, Review and Compliance Coordinator at (701) 328-3576, e-mail squinnell@nd.gov

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.  
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota) and  
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ND SHPO REF: 13-1244 WAPA /ND Public Service Commission (PSC Case No. PU-11-601) Infinity Wind Power's Sunflower Wind Project, Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota

Margaret Puetz  
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Dear Mr. Bennett,

Gereld Gerntholz  
*Valley City*

We reviewed your preliminary information on ND SHPO REF: 13-1244 WAPA /ND Public Service Commission (PSC) Infinity Wind Power's Sunflower Wind Project Environmental Assessment (EA), Stark and Morton Counties, North Dakota. There is potential for unrecorded and recorded cultural resource properties in a variety of physiographic settings in the overall project area. We recommend a Class I (file search) cultural resource inventory followed by a Class II (reconnaissance) survey for standing structures in the visual Area of Potential Effect (APE). Class III (pedestrian) survey is also recommended of all the areas of direct impact including the turbine sites, power collections system, roads, and all other ground impacts. As part of the Class III Inventory, NDCRS site updates should be submitted on all sites resurveyed. Early consultation is also recommended with federal and tribal parties.

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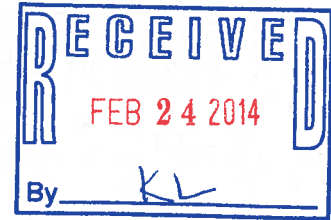
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February 20, 2014

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Dear Mr. Bennett,

This letter is in response to your February 10, 2014 letter concerning the environmental assessment associated with the Sunflower Wind Energy Conversion Project ("Project") in Stark and Morton Counties of North Dakota.

Based on the information in your February 10<sup>th</sup> letter, it is unknown if, at any time, the Project will be crossing land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Although the land enrolled in CRP is privately owned, FSA has administrative responsibilities to ensure the provisions of CRP are maintained throughout the contract period.

The land enrolled in CRP shall not have the cover disturbed during the Primary Nesting and Brood Rearing Season (PNS), which in North Dakota, is from April 15 through August 1. No activity is to take place on CRP during the PNS. However, there are exceptions to this provision. If disturbance of the existing cover is minimal, a waiver of this provision could be granted.

If the Project will need access to CRP during the PNS, a formal request to waive this provision must be submitted prior to any disturbance of CRP cover. Only the North Dakota State FSA Committee has the authority to grant a waiver of activity during the PNS. Therefore, if necessary, the request to disturb cover during the PNS shall be sent to the North Dakota State FSA Committee at the address provided on the letterhead of this letter. Such a request should include the proposed timeframe construction will occur, impact to the land enrolled in CRP and plans to restore CRP cover, if necessary.

If there are any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Aaron Krauter  
State Executive Director

Cc: Stark FSA County Office  
Morton FSA County Office  
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