

SUNFLOWER WIND PROJECT, LLC

c/o Novatus Energy, LLC
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September 30, 2020

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Attn: Jerry Lein
12th Floor, Dept. 408
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Submittal via email to ndpsc@nd.gov
Case Number: PU-14-105

Re: Sunflower Wind Project – Tree and Shrub Inspection Report

Dear Mr. Lein,

The North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 69-09-09 Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications require tree and shrub replacements be inspected annually, in September, for a three-year period. The first annual inspection must be at least one year from the anniversary date of the original plantings. A report of each annual inspection must be submitted to the Commission by October 1 of each year, documenting the condition of plantings and any woodlands work completed as of September of each year.

Please consider this report as the Year 3 and the final inspection for the trees/shrubs planted in May and September 2016 for the Sunflower Wind Project. Due to the harsh past winter some of the trees/shrubs in the Lynn Underdahl land did not survive. These trees were replanted by the Sunflower Wind Project team in May 2020 to supplement the remaining trees that survived from the previous year.

Please refer to Attachment 1 for the Sunflower Wind Project final Year 3 tree inspection.

Sincerely,

Sunflower Wind Project, LLC



By: _____
Name: Bruce Kerr
Title: Authorized Signatory

SUNFLOWER WIND PROJECT TREE AND SHRUB INVENTORY - YEAR 3

Planted trees and shrubs shall be inspected annually by September. The first inspection shall occur by September 2018; inspections are anticipated to be completed in 2020. Completed inspection form shall be submitted annually to the North Dakota Public Service Commission by October 1. Email completed form to: Jerry Lein at jlein@nd.gov and send hardcopy to: ND Public Service Commission, c/o Jerry Lein at 600 E Boulevard Ave # 408, Bismarck, ND 58505.

Landowner: Steven Kitzan

Location: Address: 4130 80th Ave SW Richardton
 TRS: NW 1/4 of S26, T139, R91
 Contact: Work: 701.878.4860
 Home: 701.400.9356



Original Plant Date:	5/11/2016	Original Planted By:	Stark County Soils Conservation District
Most recent Replant Date:	4/2019	Replant By:	Steven Kitzan
Year 3 Inspection Date:	9/2/2020	Inspection By:	Jonathan Strom
Soil Type:	E0454B, E2737C	Suitability Group:	9N, 6DK
Grazing Protection:	Yes	Row Spacing:	12 ft

Species	Number Originally Planted	Total Re-Planted in 2020	Total Alive	Total Dead	Total Observed (Alive + Dead)	% Alive (all above required 75% ratio)
RM Juniper	172	0	160	12	172	93%
Silverberry	108	0	100	8	108	92%
Russian Olive	171	0	150	21	171	87%
Eastern Red Cedar	87	0	80	7	87	91%
Caragana	105	0	90	15	105	85%

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Soil Type:	E2741D, E0651C	Suitability Group:	10, 4C
Grazing Protection:	Yes	Row Spacing:	12 ft

Species	Number Originally Planted	Total Re-Planted in 2020	Total Alive	Total Dead	Total Observed (Alive + Dead)	% Alive (all above required 75% ratio)
RM Juniper	45	0	40	5	45	88%
Silverberry	69	0	62	7	69	89%
Russian Olive	27	0	22	5	27	81%

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RM Juniper	138	0	133	5	138	96%
Russian Olive	69	0	58	11	69	84%
Silverberry	104	0	96	8	104	92%
Eastern Red Cedar	84	0	75	9	84	89%

SUNFLOWER WIND PROJECT TREE AND SHRUB INVENTORY - YEAR 3

Landowner: Lynn Underdahl

Location: Address: 7540 Co Rd 139, Hebron, ND
 TRS: SW 1/4 of S33 T140 R90
Contact: Work:
 Home: 701.878.4471



Original Plant Date:	9/21/2016	Original Planted By:	Stark County Soils Conservation District
Most recent Replant Date:	5/2020	Replant By:	Raitis Sipols
Year 3 Inspection Date:	9/3/2020	Inspection By:	Raitis Sipols
Soil Type:	E0617A	Suitability Group:	4
Grazing Protection:	Yes	Row Spacing:	16 ft

Species	Number Originally Planted	Total Re-Planted in 5/2020 (none prior)	Total Alive	Total Dead	Total Observed (Alive + Dead)	% Alive (all above required 75% ratio)
Ponderosa Pine	100	65	82	18	100	82%
Red Maple	36	18	30	6	36	83%
Juneberry	37	0	36	1	36	97%
Nanking Cherry	36	0	34	2	36	94%
Yellow Apple	10	10	9	1	10	90%