

# SUNFLOWER WIND PROJECT, LLC

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Mr. Victor Schock  
Director, Public Utilities Division  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol Building  
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RE: Case No. PU-14-105 – Sunflower Wind Project, LLC – Aircraft Detection Lighting System  
Status update

Dear Mr. Schock:

As requested in your August 10, 2021 Notice and Request for Status Updates, Sunflower Wind Project, LLC (“Sunflower”) provides this monthly update regarding the status of its compliance with NDCC section 49-22-16.4(3) for the Sunflower Wind Farm (“Project”). Sunflower provided its most recent progress update letter on May 9, 2022. The Project also provided the Commission with information regarding its plan and progress at a hearing on January 10, 2022 on its request to extend the December 31, 2021 implementation deadline.

The Project continues to diligently work to implement a light mitigation system in the shortest amount of time possible. We have been working with our chosen EPC contractor, Vikor, Inc., in parallel with proceeding with needed environmental review to attempt to meet our original targeted deadline of June 30, 2022 for installation of a Terma ADLS system at Sunflower. As noted in our previous update, the June 30, 2022 deadline was not able to be met.

WAPA’s confirmation that our ADLS system installation could proceed without additional environmental review was received June 10, 2022, after completion of cultural survey work in the area of the ADLS installation and the subsequent SHPO and tribal review periods. The project filed the necessary certification with the NDPSC on June 29, 2022 and thereafter completed required pre-construction nest survey work. Construction activities began shortly thereafter.

We have now completed construction of the access road, tower foundation, tower assembly, radar unit installation and electrical connections. Communications connections are being installed, along with the upgraded ADLS turbine lighting systems. That work was delayed

due to delivery issues of some of the necessary fiber optic cabling along with some specialized devices that are part of the networking connections. All necessary parts are on site now and installations are progressing. Once all system installations are completed, the system will be commissioned. Our timeline for having the system operational is now early to mid-October.

We will continue to update the Commission on our plans and progress.

Sincerely,

Sunflower Wind Project, LLC

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