

March 17, 2016

**VIA E-MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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

**RE: Lindahl Wind Project, LLC's Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility  
for the Lindahl Wind Farm Project in Williams County, North Dakota  
Case No. PU-15-482**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and ten (10) copies of Lindahl Wind Project, LLC's ("Lindahl Wind") Tree and Shrub Sampling Plan, along with ten (10) copies of this letter. In accordance with Paragraph No. 6 of the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications incorporated into the North Dakota Public Service Commission's December 2, 2015 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, Lindahl Wind respectfully requests approval of the enclosed Sampling Plan.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



MOLLIE M. SMITH

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Enclosures

cc: Jerry Lein (w/ Encl.)  
Brice Barton (w/ Encl.)  
Jennifer Dean (w/ Encl.)  
Grady Wolf (w/ Encl.)

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**Tree and shrub sampling plan**

# Memorandum

**Date:** 3/14/2016  
**To:** Brice Barton, TradeWind Energy, Inc.  
**Copy to:** Jenni Dean, TradeWind Energy, Inc.  
**From:** Grady Wolf, KLJ  
**RE:** Tree & Shrub Sampling Plan - Lindahl Wind Farm Project

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## Remarks

KLJ was contracted by Lindahl Wind Project, LLC (Lindahl Wind), to complete a tree and shrub survey in compliance with the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications incorporated into the North Dakota Public Service Commission's (Commission) December 2, 2015 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order granting a Certificate of Site Compatibility to Lindahl Wind in Case No. PU-15-482 (Order).

In compliance with the Order, a tree and shrub inventory will be conducted within the construction corridor to identify the number of trees and shrubs anticipated to be impacted by the project and therefore requiring replacement. The sampling methods described below will be utilized where direct count is not feasible:

- A representative sample plot will be chosen;
- The representative sample plot will be measured in the most practical unit (square footage, acreage, etc.);
- The number of trees or shrubs in the sample plot will be counted; and
- The ratio of number of trees or shrubs identified in the representative sample plot will be used to identify the overall number of trees or shrubs within the total wooded area.

A detailed tree and shrub mitigation plan will be completed once tree and shrub impacts are accurately identified. The tree and shrub mitigation plan will include the number and variety of trees and shrubs removed as part of the project, and will also identify the proposed number, variety, type, location, and anticipated date of tree and shrub replacement plantings for the project. The detailed tree and shrub mitigation plan will be submitted to the Commission for approval prior to tree and shrub replacement.