

March 13, 2023

VIA E-MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

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

**RE: Lindahl Wind Project, LLC
Lindahl Wind Farm Project – Williams County
Case No. PU-15-482**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

In accordance with (1) the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications included in the North Dakota Public Service Commission's ("Commission") December 2, 2015 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issuing a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Lindahl Wind Farm Project ("Project"), and (2) the September 1, 2021 letter from Commission Staff regarding submittal of tree and shrub inventory reports for the Project, Lindahl Wind Project, LLC ("Lindahl Wind") hereby submits an original and four (4) copies of its Tree and Shrub Inventory Report, dated September 6, 2022. Please note that the inventory was completed prior to October 1, 2022; however, the report was only recently finalized, resulting in a filing delay, for which Lindahl Wind apologizes. The enclosed report completes Lindahl Wind's compliance with its tree and shrub inventory reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



MOLLIE M. SMITH

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Enclosures

cc: Joe Carroll (via e-mail)

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Tree and Shrub Inventory Report
Lindahl Wind Project, LLC
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Memorandum

Date: 9/6/2022
To: Joseph Carroll, EGP North America
From: Ashley Ross, KLJ
RE: 2022 Tree and Shrub Counts – Lindahl Wind Farm Project (PU-15-482)

Remarks

Following the requirements of the PSC Certificate of Site Compatibility, Lindahl Wind Farm mitigated trees and/or shrubs removed during construction. Trees and/or shrubs removed by construction were to be replaced at a 2:1 ratio per the PSC Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications; however, Lindahl Wind Farm has indicated that all impacted trees and shrubs were replaced at a 3:1 ratio to ensure meeting the survivability requirements for mitigation.

Five landowners had trees and/or shrubs removed by construction of this project. Three landowners opted to have the trees and shrubs replaced on their property. The remaining two landowners signed waivers opting to not have trees replanted on their property. The trees and shrubs waived for planting on the landowner's property were planned for replacement at the Lindahl Wind Project Substation. Due to further discussions with landowners at the time of planting as well as available space for planting of trees at some locations, the proposed and actual number and locations of trees and shrubs were altered from the original mitigation plan, as indicated in the notes in the table below. However, all proposed trees and/or shrubs were replanted, as indicated below.

The trees and shrubs planted for mitigation were planted in August of 2018. A tree and shrub count was completed on October 22, 2019, August 17, 2021 and September 2, 2022, documenting the number and species identified. Please refer to the following table.

Based on the 2022 counts, the Lindahl Wind Farm Project remains within the parameters set forth by the PSC to mitigate trees and/or shrubs at a 2:1 ratio.



Landowner	Location	Species	Number proposed for 3:1 Mitigation	Survival Count on 10/22/19	Survival Count on 8/17/21	Survival Count on 9/2/22
Gohrick+	Sec. 8, T158N, R95W	Eastern Red Cedar*^	120	100	0	0
		Ponderosa Pine	12	12	81	70
		Green Ash*^	117	107	0	0
		Rocky Mt. Juniper*	30	30	83	81
		Peach Willow*	6	3	0	0
		Lilac	-	-	77	105
McGinnity	Sec. 5, T158N, R 95W	Ponderosa Pine	6	0	0	0
Strid	Sec. 26, T159N, R95W	Green Ash	9	9	9	9
		Ponderosa Pine**	61	61	61	61
Substation Planting	Sec. 9, T158N, R 95W	Eastern Red Cedar	141	70^^	51	37
		Green Ash	48	0^^	0	0
Total			550	392	362	363

*Moved from Strid parcel at request of Mr. Strid.

^Moved from substation parcel due to insufficient space for planting.

**Extra trees voluntarily planted at request of Mr. Strid.

^^Trees not accounted for were inadvertently tilled under by adjacent landowner.

+Original planting was destroyed by livestock and replanted by landowner in 2020. Additional lilacs in 2022 are attributed to natural propagation. Quantity and species slightly different than original planting.



Photo 1. Gohrick Property - Lilac



Photo 2. Gohrick Property - Ponderosa Pine



Photo 3. Strid Property - Green Ash



Photo 4. Strid Property - Ponderosa Pine



Photo 5. Substation – Eastern Red Cedar