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*Via Hand Delivery & E-mail*

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In re: Oliver Wind III, LLC  
Oliver III Wind Energy Center  
Case No. PU-16-123  
Aircraft Detection Lighting System Status Update  
Our File No. 035218-00029

Dear Mr. Fahn:

Pursuant to your request dated December 19, 2019, Oliver Wind III, LLC (“Oliver Wind III”) provides the following status update regarding installation of the Aircraft Detection Lighting System (“ADLS”) at the Oliver III Wind Energy Center located in Oliver and Morton Counties, North Dakota.

As reported in the update provided January 2, 2020, Oliver Wind III’s ADLS was installed and functional as of December 30, 2019. As a conservative measure, the ADLS was not activated so that Oliver Wind III could perform one additional round of test flights and fine-tuning of its software to confirm the safe operation of the system before placing it into service. Due to scheduling constraints and weather conditions in the area that prevented safe flying, additional test flights were scheduled for January 3. Oliver Wind III completed these final test flights and fine-tuning on the evening of January 3 and activated the ADLS following these flights. Thus, as of January 3, the ADLS is operating and controlling the turbine lights at the Wind Energy Center.

Oliver Wind III and its parent company, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, take compliance very seriously and support the Commission's and the State of North Dakota's efforts to require wind generators to implement this new technology at wind generation resources in the state. Oliver Wind III is preparing and will provide the Commission with additional, detailed information regarding the timeline and challenges faced in installation of the ADLS, as well as lessons learned that may be applied to improve the installation of light-mitigating technology at future sites.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

**CROWLEY FLECK PLLP**

  
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cc: Tracy Davis (*via email*)