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Via Electronic Mail & Hand Delivery

Mr. Patrick Fahn
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RE: Oliver Wind III, LLC
Oliver III Wind Energy Center – Oliver & Morton Counties
Case No. PU-16-123

Dear Mr. Fahn:

As requested in your letter dated January 14, 2022, Oliver Wind III, LLC (Oliver Wind III) submits the following information to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) regarding revegetation and reclamation efforts at the Oliver III Wind Energy Center (the Oliver III Project).

The Oliver III Project is located in Oliver and Morton Counties, North Dakota and was constructed in 2016 and 2017. Following construction, the Commission's third-party inspector, Keitu Engineers & Consultants, Inc. (Keitu), inspected the Oliver III Project for reclamation and revegetation. In Keitu's Reclamation and Revegetation Inspection Report, dated October 2018 and filed with the Commission in Case No. PU-16-123 (Docket No. 153) (Keitu Inspection Report), Keitu stated that the Oliver III Project was inspected on October 18, 2018 by Keitu staff. As noted in your January 14 letter, Keitu stated that "[p]ortions of the Project occurring in range or pasture land had approximately 80-100% ground cover, but were mostly weeds and nonnative species. Even though they were undesirable species, the disturbed areas appeared to be stabilized."¹ Keitu recommended that "[c]ontinual maintenance should be done to encourage the revegetation of desirable species."² Notably, Keitu concluded that the site "appears to be returned as near as practical to preconstruction conditions at the time of the visit", and that "[o]verall, the project was very well-maintained, secured, and in good condition."³ (emphasis added).

¹ Keitu Inspection Report at p. 3.

² *Id.*

³ Keitu Inspection Report at p. 1; *see also* p. 3.

Since Keitu's inspection in October 2018, and consistent with Keitu's recommendation, Oliver Wind III has continued to maintain the site to mitigate for weeds and nonnative species, including performing yearly weed spraying by a licensed applicator during spring and summer months. Oliver III Wind treats turbine pad locations, as well as shop, substation, and access road rights-of-way for weeds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Casey A. Furey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "F".

Casey A. Furey

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cc: Tracy Davis (via email)