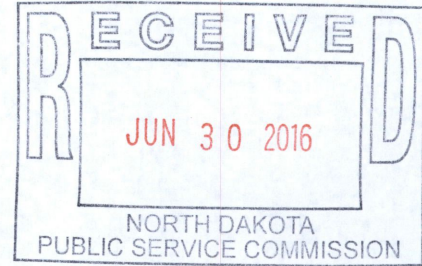




June 30, 2016

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Director  
NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Dear Nitschke:

In re: Ashtabula Wind III, LLC  
PSC 10 year Plan

On behalf of Ashtabula Wind III, LLC, we hereby submit its Ten-Year Plan pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 49-22-04 and North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-06-01-05.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Duncan".

Brian Duncan  
Director, Business Management

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Enc.  
Ten-Year Plan to:  
County Auditors: Barnes County  
Brian Duncan  
Notice to: State Agencies and Officers designated in  
§ 69-06-01-05, N.D. Adm. Code.

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**2016 Ten Year Plan**

Ashtabula Wind III, LLC  
Brian Duncan

## *Ashtabula Wind III, LLC*

700 Universe Blvd.  
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Jerry Lein, Public Utility Analyst  
North Dakota State Public Service Commission  
600 E Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

### **Subject: NDCC 49-22-04, Ten Year Plan**

Dear Mr. Lein,

In accordance with NDCC 49-22-04, Ashtabula Wind III, LLC hereby submits its 2016 Ten Year Plan.

Contact: Brian Duncan  
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### **Submittal**

#### Section A: Energy Conversion Facility

The Ashtabula Wind III Energy Center (“Ashtabula III”) is located approximately 70 miles West of Fargo in Barnes County, ND. Ashtabula III consists of 39 GE 1.6 XLE wind turbines and has been in production since December 2010. Ashtabula Wind contributes approximately 62.4 MW of renewable energy to the power grid. The project is not expected to retire in the next ten years—a Power Purchase Agreement is in place with Otter Tail Power Company through the end of 2038.

#### Section B: Energy Conversion Facilities under Construction

1. Description: None
2. Status and Timetable: None

#### Section C: Proposed Energy Conversion Facilities on Which Construction is Intended Within the Ensuing Five Years

1. Location: None Contemplated
2. Size and Type: None Contemplated
3. Proposed Timetable: None Contemplated

4. Pollutants: None Contemplated

Section D: Proposed Energy Conversion Facilities During the Next Ten-Year Time Period

1. Location: None Contemplated
2. Size and Type: None Contemplated
3. Proposed Timetable: None Contemplated

Section E: Existing Transmission Facilities (Electric)

The Ashtabula Energy Center includes an electrical collection system that transports energy from the 39 turbine feeders to the wind project collector substation owned by Ashtabula Wind, LLC. Ashtabula interconnects with the 230 kV transmission line owned by Minnkota at that company's Pillsbury Wind substation.

1. Commenced Commercial Operations December 2010
2. Projected Retirement Date: PPA through 2038, although useful life is projected to extend beyond that date

Section F: Existing Transmission Facilities (Pipeline)

1. Location: N/A
2. Type and Capacity: N/A
3. In service dates: N/A
4. Projected Retirement Dates: N/A

Section G: Proposed Transmission Facilities on Which Construction is Intended Within the Ensuing Five Years (Electric)

1. Location: None Contemplated
2. Geographic Service Area: None Contemplated
3. Facility Description: None Contemplated
4. Proposed Timetable: None Contemplated

Section H: Proposed Transmission Facilities on Which Construction is Intended Within the Ensuing Five Years (Pipeline)

1. Location: N/A
2. Geographic Service Area: N/A
3. Facility Description: N/A
4. Proposed Timetable: N/A

Section I: Proposed Transmission Facilities During the Next Ten-Year Time Period (Electric and Pipeline)

1. Location: None Contemplated
2. Probable Type: None Contemplated
3. Proposed Timetable: None Contemplated

Section J: Regional Coordination

1. Ashtabula III has a nameplate capacity of 62.4 MW and sells the output to Otter Tail Power Company under a long-term power purchase agreement to meet the needs of their customers and member cooperatives.
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A

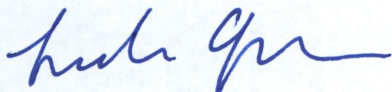
Section K: Environmental Information

1. Ashtabula III conducted multiple environmental studies prior to construction of the facility and met all environmental requirements of the NEPA EA process. Ashtabula Wind is also committed to environmental compliance during project operation.
  - a. A comprehensive Wildlife Response and Reporting Manual is in place to record any avian fatalities and/or injuries that are found within the wind plant boundaries.
  - b. An Adaptive Management Plan was developed for both construction activities and post-construction operations. Appropriate responses for various types of avian sightings are detailed within.
  - c. Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan specifies processes for dealing with all chemical, hazardous, and oil spills that may occur on the property.

Section L: Projected Demand for Services

1. Ten-year historical growth and forecast: N/A
2. Meet projected needs: N/A
3. Identify load centers, fuel sources: N/A

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact:



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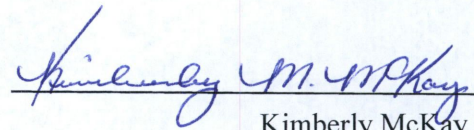
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That she knew the persons served to be the persons named in the papers served and the persons intended to be served.

  
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Kimberly McKay

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

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Joann Kleinknecht, Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My Commission Expires: