



# BARNES COUNTY

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EXHIBIT

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September 26, 2016

At the September 19, 2016 meeting of the Barnes County Commission, Commissioner John Froelich made a motion to support the Glacier Ridge Wind Farm with the details available at this point, with the details to be worked out at a later date; Commissioner Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting "yes".

Mike Metcalf, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

N.D. Public Service Commission

September 27, 2016

Members of the N.D. Public Service Commission,

My name is John Froelich. I have been a resident of Barnes County my entire life. I have been involved with Government and the Electric Industry for over 50 years. I am here to support the Glacier Ridge Wind Farm proposal.

No. 1, I don't believe the location or operation will have an adverse effect. Barnes County Zoning has a 1400 foot setback from residences and a 1.25 times height of blades setback from a road.

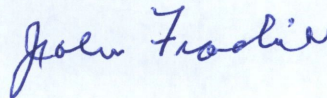
No. 2, I don't believe there are any environmental problems. Barnes County presently has Ashtabula 1 and part of Ashtabula 11 in very close proximity to the proposed Glacier Ridge Wind Farm. The landscape is basically the same. Any environmental concerns should be the same. From a farming standpoint, the towers take up very little land. As I understand it, the access roads will be in a straight line to the existing roads to make farming more efficient.

No. 3, Exel Energy is proposing a 1,500 Mega Watt increase in their wind portfolio. This will give them 63% of their energy from Carbon free resources over the next 15 years. Wind energy has allowed Minnkota Power the ability to go from 750 hours of load control to 250 hours of load control. This has allowed them and the Distribution Coops to sell an additional 500 hours of electricity. The Demand Charge in the winter is the highest when the wind is blowing. The largest competitor to Coal fired base load is the low cost of Natural Gas. The low cost of Natural Gas will continue as long as we are fracking for Oil and Natural Gas

Finally, the location of the Glacier Ridge Wind Farm will improve the welfare of Barnes County with construction jobs, permanent jobs, and increased tax revenue to Barnes County.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Froelich



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**Cindy Schwehr District 1 Barnes County Commissioner**

**Thank you to the PSC for being here and allowing us to comment.**

**I support this project. It is good for the Community, Barnes County and the state of North Dakota.**

**Clean energy is in the minds of many people and North Dakota is blessed to be able to produce and contribute to the energy needs of the entire nation.**

**It will be good Economic Dev. during the building project and after with jobs that are being created.**

**It will do wonders for the tax base of Barnes County.**

**I trust the people behind this project and know they did their homework selecting a company to carry out this project.**

**I know there will be things to deal with as we have been down this road before with Ashtabula wind farm but we need PCS to approve this project and then leave it up to the local governments to deal with local issues like planning and zoning for project, setbacks, road issues and such.**

**I encourage you to approve this project.**

**Thank you very much for you time.**

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