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Architectural History Survey Report Summary

To Foxtail Wind, LLC

Subject Foxtail Wind Energy Center
Class III: Intensive Architectural Resources Inventory Summary
Dickey County, North Dakota

From AECOM

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Introduction and Purpose

Foxtail Wind, a wholly-owned, indirect subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NEER) is proposing to develop the Foxtail Wind Energy Center (Project) in Dickey County, in southeastern North Dakota. The Project will be constructed and operated by Northern States Power Company (NSP), a subsidiary of Xcel Energy (Xcel). NEER and NSP/Xcel are collaborating on development of the Project to reflect the engineering and design inputs necessary to transfer ownership of the Project to NSP/Xcel at the end of 2017 according to the executed Purchase & Sale Agreement (PSA). NSP/Xcel currently proposes to construct the Project in two phases between 2018 and 2019. Both the NEER and NSP/Xcel teams will be involved in the engineering design of the Project to be constructed, although NSP/Xcel will ultimately construct the Project.

The Project will require a Certificate of Site Compatibility from the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission); therefore, the Project is subject to review by the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) under North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) 49-22-09 – Factors to be considered in evaluating application and designations of sites, corridors, and routes. Based on consultation with the SHSND, the Architectural Survey Corridor (Survey Corridor) was defined as all areas within two miles of the nearest turbine and is based on the locations of turbines within the proposed turbine layout dated July 14, 2017. The purpose of this investigation is to facilitate the SHSND review by documenting the aboveground historic buildings and structures within the Survey Corridor defined for this Project.

Methods

As the Project is designed to avoid all direct effects on the sites, only indirect visual effects were considered. Based on guidance from the SHSND, the relationship between the Project and the view toward a property from the main access point to said property was considered. All accessible public rights-of-way (ROW) within this area were traveled during the survey described in this report. Where AECOM received permission, private property was entered so that buildings could more closely be examined and documented.

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Results

During the survey, AECOM architectural historians identified 51 previously unrecorded architectural resources. Of these sites, 31 were documented on North Dakota Cultural Resources Survey Architectural Site forms (NDCRS). A total of 15 sites were not located in areas of survey access, but were tentatively evaluated by documenting the buildings and structures visible from the public ROW and on aerial imagery. Five properties were not visible from the public ROW and are unevaluated. The documented resources included homes, barns, silos, garages, sheds, livestock shelters, churches, cemeteries, and schools. It is AECOM's recommendation that none of the sites within two miles of the wind turbines documented during the architectural survey for the Project are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.