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Subject: Proposed Foxtail Wind Project, Dickey County, North Dakota

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Colleagues:

The US Fish and Wildlife Service, North Dakota field office (FWS) has not yet finalized our conclusions from the review of the revised Draft Wildlife Conservation Strategy (WCS) submitted by NextEra for the Foxtail Wind Energy project. Nonetheless, the FWS remains in general agreement with the framework contained in the WCS and believes, based upon the observed commitment of the Company, that a mutual agreement to characterizing the impacts can be achieved. The FWS is convinced that the WCS, in general, is a useful framework to provide needed predictability for regulatory review processes as well as for assessing potential impacts of energy development in North Dakota. In particular, the WCS is expected to aid and inform the offset discussions occurring between the company and the state of North Dakota for the subject action as well as and any future actions undertaken in North Dakota by this or other companies. Therefore, the FWS will continue working with the Company and the State as needed to finalize a product in January 2018.

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