

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Public Service Commission  
Public Utilities  
Rulemaking**

**Case No. PU-17-371**

**STAFF TESTIMONY**  
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My name is Jerry Lein. I am a Public Utility Analyst with the Public Service Commission. The purpose of my testimony is to explain the proposed changes to the Commission's administrative rules pertaining to the siting of wind energy conversion facilities, Article 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code promulgated under N.D.C.C. Chapter 49-22.

The Commission is proposing to amend the North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 69-09-09 to add a new section 69-09-09-10 to establish an ability to exempt small projects of only one or two turbines from certain decommissioning requirements:

“The commission may grant a waiver of any requirement described in sections 69-09-09-03, 69-09-09-06, or 69-09-09-08 for a commercial wind energy conversion facility with a nameplate generating capacity of no more than five megawatts of electricity upon a motion demonstrating good cause for the waiver.”

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time. Thank you.