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Mr. John Schuh
Special Assistant Attorney General
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480

Re: Glacier Ridge Wind Farm (Case No. PU-16-539)

Dear Mr. Schuh,

We have received your notice dated December 28, 2017 (the "Notice") regarding compliance with the new decommissioning rules of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (the "Commission"). Our proposed Glacier Ridge Wind Farm (the "Project") received a Certificate of Siting Compatibility for Phase 1 on December 7, 2016 and commenced construction activities on December 14, 2016. A Certificate for Phase 2 was issued on September 6, 2017 and construction of the wind farm not anticipated to be complete (and therefore the project will not be operating) until 2019 or 2020.

The Notice requests that by July 1, 2018, owners of wind farms:

1. File a compliant decommissioning plan and cost estimate with the Commission; and
2. File financial assurance acceptable to the Commission for existing wind farms whose commercial operations began prior to January 1, 2008.

We understand from our permit conditions in the order dated September 6, 2017 ("Order") that a decommissioning plan for the Project must be filed with the Commission for review and approval prior to the operation of either Phase 1 or Phase 2. Further, the Order states that we will fully comply with North Dakota Administrative Code chapter 69-09-09, including all financial assurances required under section 69-09-09-08, which at the time of the Order required "[a]fter the tenth year of operation of a commercial wind energy conversion facility or wind turbine, the commission by order may require the owner or operator to secure a performance bond, surety bond, letter of credit, corporate guarantee, or other form of financial assurance that is acceptable to the commission to cover the anticipated costs of decommissioning the commercial wind energy conversion facility or turbine."

Given the recent change to section 69-09-09-08, which now requires financial assurance prior to commencement of construction of a facility, Glacier Ridge intends to comply with the Order and the Commissions' requirements by providing financial assurance prior to additional on-site construction activities and filing a decommissioning plan and cost estimate for review and approval prior to start of operation.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 612-455-8447 or Matt.Boys@res-group.com if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Matt Boys
Development Manager

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Glacier Ridge Wind Farm, LLC
Matt boys, Development Manager