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August 16, 2024

Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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**RE: Updated Wind Facility Decommissioning Cost Estimate
Thunder Spirit Wind Facility
Case No. PU-18-105**

In accordance with North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Section 69-09-09-06.3c, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota) electronically submits an update to the Decommissioning Cost Estimate for the Thunder Spirit 1 Facility (Thunder Spirit 1) filed on November 1, 2019 in the above referenced docket.

The total estimated cost to decommission the Thunder Spirit 1 facility is now estimated to be \$14,034,017 shown in Attachment A. The above-mentioned decommissioning cost estimate is before taking into account any potential salvage value. As described in the assumptions and clarification section of the proposal (Attachment A), the estimated costs assume the turbines will be dismantled with a crane, the components downsized, and the scrap hauled to a disposal site.

In response to 69-09-09-01.6e of the NDAC, Montana-Dakota does not expect that the facility will have any impact on present or future natural resource development in the area.

In accordance with 69-09-09-04 of the NDAC, decommissioning will begin within twelve months of the abandonment or the end of the useful life of the facility with decommissioning complete within twenty-four months unless a plan to return the facility to operation is approved by the Commission.

In accordance with 69-09-09-07 of the NDAC, Montana-Dakota attached the required financial assurance in the form of a self-guarantee in Attachment B.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (701) 222-7855 or travis.jacobson@mdu.com.

Sincerely,

/s/ Travis R. Jacobson

Travis R. Jacobson
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

CC: A. Waldon

Attachment A

Attachment A

Proposal Provided for Montana Dakota Utilities

THUNDER SPIRIT 1 DECOMMISSIONING

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Wanzek Construction, Inc. is pleased to provide MDU with our proposal for the Thunder Spirit 1 Decommissioning project. With over 50 years of experience driving excellence through all stages of construction, Wanzek has the experience and breadth of knowledge to provide continuing presence and direct management involvement to each project. Wanzek is continuously investing in equipment, technology and teams to provide innovative, efficient and cost-effective construction services that meet client needs. Wanzek is a relationship-driven company with growth largely due to repeat clients. We are further strengthened by the backing of our parent company. As a wholly-owned subsidiary of MasTec North America, Inc./MasTec, Inc., in Coral Gables, Florida (NYSE: MTZ), Wanzek has the geographic reach, scalability and overall financial stability to deliver high quality and innovative solutions.

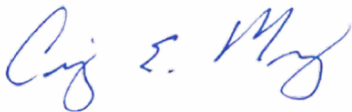
Safety is the cornerstone of our company culture and our dedicated safety personnel and employees work to make sure safe behavior is instinctive and automatic. Our focus on safety starts long before we mobilize to the field. It is a crucial part of reviewing and finalizing proposals, continues through project planning and is the responsibility of every Wanzek employee every day. Wanzek follows an Operator Qualification Plan designed to ensure all team members are OQ-certified to perform tasks safely.

Wanzek addresses quality at all stages of the job, from planning through operations and execution to lessons learned at job closure. We work collaboratively with our clients, using lean continuous improvement methodologies to optimize all aspects of construction and operations.

Our teams are built on strength, stability and experience. Wanzek self-performs the majority of our work. To ensure safety, quality and repeat clients, we employ skilled, proficient and dedicated teams. Company-wide, our craftspeople have an average of fifteen years of experience in their trade and work in a senior-level to junior-level ratio of approximately 1:4.

On behalf of Wanzek Construction, thank you for the opportunity to present our capabilities as a qualified contractor for the Decommissioning project. I welcome your comments and questions as you review the proposal and look forward to working with you

Regards,



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WANZEK CONSTRUCTION
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS





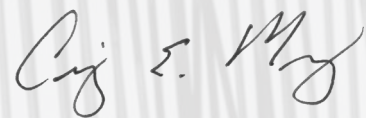
RED LAKE FALLS
MINNESOTA

INTRODUCTION LETTER

Wanzek's renewable services business unit is a vital component to the overall clean energy market, allowing Wanzek to be an all-encompassing partner to our customers. Wanzek has a comprehensive strategy that meets the demand and requirements of the quickly-changing renewable energy market that differentiates us from other EPC organizations. Wanzek understands the need from owners to efficiently maintain and repair energy sources to ensure they remain in operations at the highest abilities, and our teams pride ourselves in providing top-quality services on these time-sensitive projects.

Wanzek Construction, Inc. is proud of the growth we have cultivated since our founding 50 years ago. In 2008, we joined the MasTec, Inc. family, which has allowed us access to the resources and breadth needed to expand further across North America and take on a wide range of projects. Throughout our deep history of construction, we have been driven every day by our vision, which is simply: **Be the Best... Deliver Excellence.** In every decision we make, we are committed to delivering the highest quality product to our clients with safety always at the forefront.

Over the past several years, Wanzek has grown its capabilities in the Renewable Services space and is focused on continued growth in this area. The key to our success has always been the experienced and dedicated members of Team Wanzek. Thank you for your review of our qualifications and capabilities. We look forward to the many projects we can successfully collaborate on and bring benefit to all stakeholders involved.



CRAIG MOSENG
Director of Operations, Renewable Services



WANZEK'S COMMITMENT

Wanzek Construction, Inc. is a multi-disciplined Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) business headquartered in Fargo, ND with our solar division based in Phoenix, AZ. Built on a legacy of personalized project service and construction superiority, the company employs approximately 1,900 individuals of various technical, professional and construction backgrounds. We are a full-service EPC serving the power generation community. Activities of Wanzek provide a significant advantage in constructing power plants from inception through final commissioning.

SAFETY CULTURE

Predicting the Future by Eliminating Injuries

At Wanzek, our commitment to safety culture is an active process of instilling safety values in each team member to ensure that safe behavior is instinctive and automatic. Our safety focus begins with reviewing proposals, continues through project planning and is the responsibility of every Wanzek employee every day. We utilize advanced technology through our proprietary **PYTHO** software to predict and prevent injuries on our sites before they happen.

We continuously work to improve our safety training and management systems, hold every team member accountable and ensure we hold ourselves to our vision of Zero Injuries.

Year	TRIR	EMR	Hours Worked
2022	0.90	0.72	3.3 million
2021	0.82	0.68	5.6 million
2020	1.29	0.58	4.8 million
2019	1.69	0.52	4.0 million
2018	0.42	0.51	1.9 million

Legend:

TRIR – Total Recordable Incident Rate

EMR – Experience Modification Rate

Quality & Operational Excellence

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PARENT COMPANY

MasTec companies have been involved in some of the largest and most complex infrastructure construction projects across the country. Our experience has given us a deep and comprehensive understanding of the markets we serve, as well as the ability to effectively manage people, projects and equipment; proactively identify challenges; avoid pitfalls; and overcome obstacles to meet expectations for schedule and budget.

With offices across North America, a workforce of 30,000+ skilled professionals and an extensive wholly-owned fleet of specialized construction equipment, MasTec has the resources needed to handle even the most complicated jobs. Our geographic reach, scalability and overall financial stability also enable us to meet our customers' changing needs.

As a culture, our focus on innovation and smart solutions colors everything we do. We're always looking for ways to increase efficiency in projects and within our own organization. We work to stay at the forefront of safety and environmentally-responsible construction to deliver quality work and service.

Specializing in Power Generation, Communications, Civil & Industrial, Water & Sewer, both midstream and downstream Oil & Gas, Power Delivery and Technology Deployment, MasTec companies have been involved in some of the largest and most complex infrastructure construction projects across the country.



Minority Business Enterprise

MasTec, Inc., as well as its subsidiaries, is certified as a minority-controlled company by the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), and is the first Cuban-American minority-controlled public company to join the Fortune 500 list.

MasTec Leadership

José Mas
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Robert Apple
COO

Paul DiMarco
CFO

Alberto de Cardenas
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Bonding & Surety

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Bonding Capacity

\$500 Million Single Project
\$4 Billion Aggregate

Primary Banking Relationship

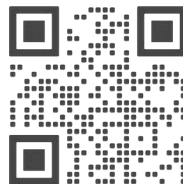
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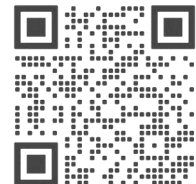
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Mission

Partner with our clients to build trust and provide valued solutions through our commitment to safety, planning, execution and teamwork.



CE&I MARKET SECTORS

Our Clean Energy & Infrastructure (CE&I) group offers diverse capabilities under one umbrella, including full-service Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) execution services. We self-perform all critical path disciplines as a direct-hire EPC contractor.

Renewables & Decarbonization

- Wind Energy
- Solar Energy
- Energy Storage
- Renewable Services

Industrial

- Power
- Mining & Minerals
- Agricultural Processing
- Food & Beverage
- Building Products
- Steel
- Hydrogen
- Carbon Capture

General Building

- Commercial
- Data Center/Mission Critical
- Government
- Healthcare
- Education
- Mixed Use/Rental
- Sports & Entertainment
- Transportation Facilities

Infrastructure

- Civil Infrastructure
- Heavy Construction
- Roadway Construction
- Bridges
- Aggregate
- Crushing
- Earth Moving
- Water and Wastewater Treatment
- Transmission & Distribution



FINANCIAL KPIS

Wanzek Construction, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MasTec North America, Inc.; ultimate parent company MasTec, Inc. which is a publicly-traded company (NYSE: MTZ). Financial information is supplied at [mastec.com/investors](https://www.mastec.com/investors) for Press Releases, Section 16/Insider Reports, Summary Financials, SEC Filings and other related financial information.

2022

Revenue	\$9,778,038,000
Assets	\$9,293,259,000
Short-term Debt	\$171,916,000

2021

Revenue	\$7,951,781,000
Assets	\$7,121,393,000
Short-term Debt	\$137,912,000

2020

Revenue	\$6,320,975,000
Assets	\$5,227,849,000
Short-term Debt	\$145,110,000

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Wanzek Construction, Inc. is committed to the growth of its talented workforce and providing the best service in the industry to our clients.

In 2021, the Construction Craft Laborer Apprenticeship Program was created to offer craft team members across our Wind, Solar and Renewable Services service lines the opportunity to learn and grow in their expertise with the support from a Wanzek mentor. This program stands out for multiple reasons:

- Participation in the program includes **360 hours of classroom training** that is accredited with NCCER. Additionally, apprentices obtain **4,000 hours of on-the-job training** and are paired with a journey-level Wanzek employee for mentorship.
- Upon completion, participants will earn the industry equivalent of an Associate degree.
- To ensure that our rigorous program adheres to the industry standard and qualifications, our team runs weekly internal reports to track our apprentices' status in their training.



- It is registered both with the Department of Labor and accredited by the National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER).

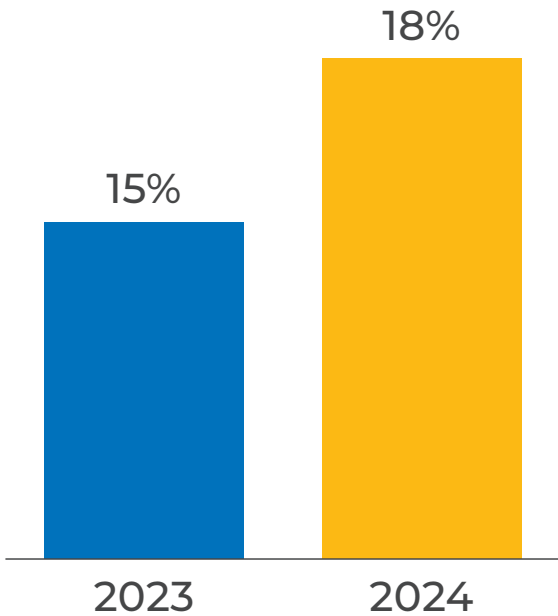


- Wanzek is an approved partner with Veterans Affairs. Veterans who apply will be eligible to receive added benefits if chosen to be in the Apprenticeship Program.



- Our established program has all of the tracking systems and processes in place to aid in our client's ability to receive the Inflation Reduction Act credits.

Wanzek's Current Target Rates for Employment of Apprentices



This exceeds the requirement guidance set by the IRS.

SUPPORTING SAFE OPERATION OF ASSETS

Wanzek's Renewable Services Group is an Independent Service Provider (ISP) specializing in comprehensive renewable power maintenance services, helping our clients maximize their investments in renewable power generation. We have the regional locations, leadership, financial stability, training, equipment and experience to be a valuable resource for the successful operation of your site.

We provide a suite of self-performed maintenance and repair services for wind turbine, electrical collection system, substation and civil components of a wind power generation site. Our GWO-trained, NCCCO-certified wind service teams maintain an outstanding safety record, are respectful to landowners and provide our own safety-inspected, calibrated and certified tooling for each job.

Solutions

- Labor support services
- Outages/substations
- Unique construction projects

Electrical Services (Overview pg. 11)

Solar Services (Overview pg. 12)

Turbine Services (Overview pg. 13)

Specialty Services

- ADLS turnkey
- Battery storage
- Catastrophic failure rebuild/repair/replacement
- Civil, foundation and SWPPP engineering
- Crane pads
- Culverts
- Decommissioning turbines/sites
- Foundation repairs
- Grout repair
- Hybrid (wind/solar) projects
- IdentiFlight
- Meteorological (MET) tower install
- O&M building repair
- Prototype installation
- Roads
- Site work
- Small wind farm installations
- Turbine demolition, rebuilds and transport

Balance of Plant Services

- Decommissioning turbines/sites
- Prototype installation
- Site work – roads/crane pads/culverts
- Turbine rebuilds

Substation Maintenance Services

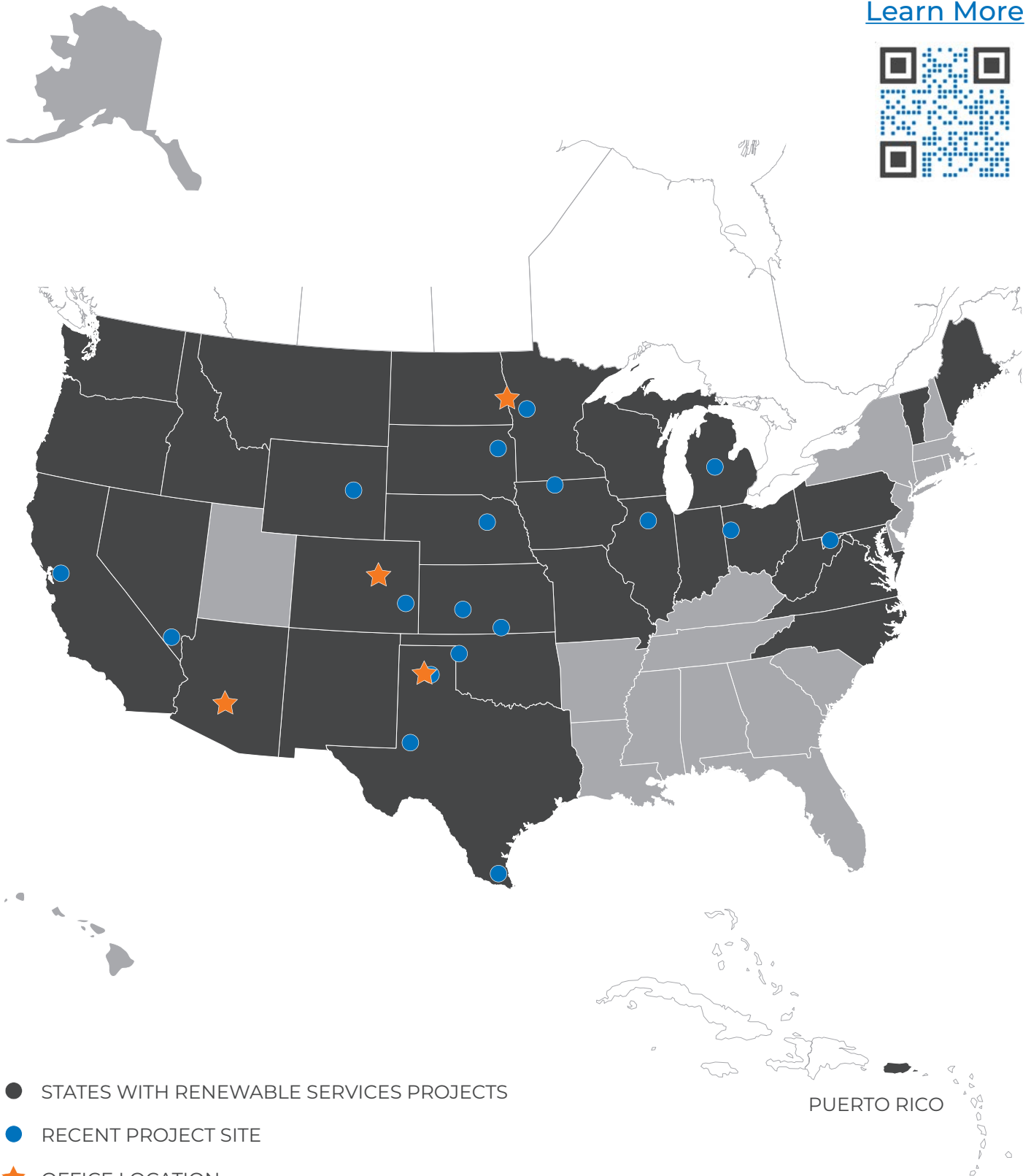
- Emergency call-out services
- Infrared inspections
- Oil sampling
- Relay testing and substation maintenance according to NERC and NETA guidelines
- SF6 gas analysis
- Substation additions, retrofits and repairs
- Substation commissioning
- Substation switching services

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FEATURED PROJECTS

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Wanzek Electrical Services handles everything from 24-hour emergency call-outs to everyday preventative maintenances. Our team has capabilities in commissioning, engineering services, retrofits/repairs as well as a multitude of other solutions.



ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Collections

- Cable testing
- Emergency callout and switching services
- Fiber testing, splices and terminations
- Medium voltage circuit replacements/re-routes
- Pad mount vault replacement
- Pothole and cable excavation
- Replacement of pad-mounted transformers
- Transmission line inspections
- Underground cable fault locating and repair
- VLF

Transformer Testing

- Infrared inspections
- Insulation
- Oil sampling and analysis
- Phase rotation
- PMT Change-outs/Upgrades
- Transformer isolations
- TTR
- Up-tower and pad mount transformer testing
- Winding resistance

Switchgear and Transformer Repairs

- Complete transformer swaps
- Experienced switchgear verification in open and grounded positions
- Fuse replacement
- Onsite bushing replacement
- Transformer oil sampling
- Turnkey switchgear replacements, comprehensive leak checks and repairs on SF6 units



Wanzek provides a constructible solution to the industry with our capabilities to develop, construct and commission utility scale solar power generating facilities. Wanzek has dedicated a highly skilled team to support the industry with capabilities found below.



SOLAR SERVICES

With the growing governmental and cultural demand for a cleaner and more sustainable energy future, solar power generating facilities are becoming more common. Typical and non-typical investors/owners are broadening their energy portfolios by developing various types of solar power generating facilities; most notably, utility scale, rooftop solar and anything in between.

Offerings

- Commissioning
- Drone services
- EPC/owner consulting
- EPC services for distributed solar – 1 to 20 MWac
- Equipment repairs
- Experienced maintenance, troubleshooting and repair
- Large- and small-scale utility project installations, retrofitting and/or replacement
- O&M commissioning/maintenance support
- Re-energization of existing sites
- Re-glass/repower projects
- Site commissioning consulting services
- Small to large utility-scale installations



Wanzek Is a Single-Source Solution for Turbine Maintenance

Our extensive experience in wind construction and major component replacement provides an excellent platform for wind turbine repowering activities. Wanzek is experienced in full and partial repowering activities.



TURBINE SERVICES

Wanzek's Renewable Services Division is an Independent Service Provider (ISP) specializing in wind power maintenances. Our offerings are designed to meet OEM and owner requirements specific to their turbine models for scheduled and unscheduled maintenances.

Offerings

- Turbine services
- Supplemental labor support
- End of warranty inspections
- Torque/tension
- Climb assists
- Specialty WTG tooling rental
- Meteorological tower services, repairs, upgrades and inspections
- ADLS LCM
- FAA light install/programming

Additional Solutions

- Bolt torque/tension
- Borescope inspections
- Major component exchanges
- Repower
- Retrofit campaigns
- Third-party inspections and verifications
- Tower and nacelle cleaning services
- Tower wiring
- Turbine LOTO support
- Turbine semi/annual maintenance
- WTG yaw puck replacement
- Wind turbine troubleshooting

Team Wanzek

Team Wanzek uses a regional deployment strategy to provide our suite of turnkey services to reduce clients' operations and maintenance costs in their wind power generating assets. Our Renewable Services technicians have experience with all major wind turbine manufacturers and have completed work on wind projects across the U.S.

- GWO (Global Wind Organization)
- NFPA 70E QEW
- OSHA 10
- First Aid and CPR
- GE 1X and 2X LOTO certification
- Power climber install/welding certification



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PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Project Name	Client	MW	# of Generators	Turbine Manufacturer	State	COD
Cedar Creek Wind	Clearway Energy Group	159.8	47	General Electric	Idaho	2023
Delta Wind	AES Corporation	183.6	41	Vestas	Mississippi	2023
Sunflower Wind	Orsted Onshore	214.3	76	General Electric	Kansas	2023
Red Barn	ALLETE Clean Energy	91.6	28	General Electric	Wisconsin	2023
El Sauz	Apex Clean Energy	301.5	67	Nordex	Texas	2023
Ledyard	Duke Energy	207	46	Vestas	Iowa	2022
King Creek Wind I & II BOP	EDF Renewable Energy	393.2	96	65 SGRE 19 Vestas 12 General Electric	Texas	2022
Azure Sky	Enel Green Power N.A.	350.1	79	65 Nordex 14 Vestas	Texas	2022
Iron Star	ENGIE	298.9	62	Nordex	Kansas	2022
Hubbard	NextEra Energy Resources	300.1	108	General Electric	Texas	2021
Caddo Wind	ALLETE Clean Energy	303.6	110	94 General Electric 16 SGRE	Oklahoma	2021
Borderlands	NextEra Energy Resources	100.9	34	General Electric	New Mexico	2021
Tatanka	Avangrid Renewables	154.8	56	General Electric	South Dakota	2021
Frontier II	Duke Energy	355.2	74	Nordex	Oklahoma	2021
Maryneal	Duke Energy	182.4	38	Nordex	Texas	2021
Freeborn	Xcel – Minneapolis	200	100	Vestas	Minnesota	2021
La Joya	Avangrid Renewables	306.2	111	76 General Electric 35 Gamesa	New Mexico	2021
Red Lake Falls	Con Edison Development	5.6	2	General Electric	Minnesota	2020
Las Lomas	ENGIE	201.6	48	Goldwind	Texas	2020
Merricourt	EDF Renewable Energy	150	75	Vestas	North Dakota	2020
Dakota Range III	ENGIE	153.6	32	Nordex	South Dakota	2020
Sagamore	Xcel – Minneapolis	522.6	240	Vestas	New Mexico	2020
Diamond Spring	ALLETE Clean Energy	303.5	110	General Electric	Oklahoma	2020
Triple H Wind	ENGIE	250	100	General Electric	South Dakota	2020
Jumbo Hill	ENGIE	161.3	64	General Electric	Texas	2019
Mesteno	Duke Energy	201.6	56	Vestas	Texas	2019
Crocker Wind	Geronimo Energy	209.4	77	General Electric	South Dakota	2019
Foxtail	Xcel – Minneapolis	150	75	Vestas	North Dakota	2019
Hale	Xcel – Minneapolis	478	239	Vestas	Texas	2019
Karankawa	Avangrid Renewables	303.8	124	General Electric	Texas	2019
Coyote Ridge	Avangrid Renewables	97.4	39	General Electric	South Dakota	2019



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Project Name	Client	MW	# of Generators	Turbine Manufacturer	State	COD
Glen Ullin Energy Center (Clean Energy 1)	ALLETE Clean Energy	106.7	43	General Electric	North Dakota	2019
Canadian Breaks	Macquarie Holdings (USA), Inc.	200.1	87	Siemens	Texas	2019
Gopher Creek	Terna Energy USA	158	79	Vestas	Texas	2019
GW3S Prototype	Goldwind Americas	3.4	1	Goldwind	Texas	2018
Twin Buttes II	Avangrid Renewables	76	38	Gamesa	Colorado	2018
Aurora Brule Wind	Con Edison Development	41.4	18	General Electric	South Dakota	2018
Persimmon Creek	Scout Clean Energy	200.6	80	General Electric	Oklahoma	2018
Thunder Spirit II	ALLETE Clean Energy	48	16	Nordex	North Dakota	2018
Courtenay	Xcel – Minneapolis	200	100	Vestas	North Dakota	2017
Fluvanna Renewable Energy Project	Terna Energy USA	151.7	74	Vestas	Texas	2017
Cottonwood	NextEra Energy Resources	90	40	General Electric	Nebraska	2017
El Cabo	Avangrid Renewables	298	142	Gamesa	New Mexico	2017
Sterling	Akuo Energy USA, Inc.	29.9	13	General Electric	New Mexico	2017
Odell	Algonquin Power and Utilities	200	100	Vestas	Minnesota	2016
Frontier Wind Power Project	Duke Energy	201.3	61	Vestas	Oklahoma	2016
Tyler Bluff (Muenster)	EDF Renewable Energy	123.1	52	Siemens	Texas	2016
Thunder Spirit	ALLETE Clean Energy	102.5	41	Nordex	North Dakota	2016
Desert Wind	Avangrid Renewables	208	104	Gamesa	North Carolina	2016
Prairie Breeze II	Invenergy	73.4	41	General Electric	Nebraska	2016
Prairie Breeze III	Invenergy	35.8	20	General Electric	Nebraska	2016
Los Vientos IV	Duke Energy	200	100	Vestas	Texas	2016
Los Vientos V	Duke Energy	110	55	Vestas	Texas	2016
Bow Lake	BluEarth Renewables	57.6	36	General Electric	Ontario	2015
Briscoe County Wind	Capital Dynamics	149.9	81	General Electric	Texas	2015
S111 Installation	Suzlon Wind Energy	2.1	1	Suzlon	Texas	2015
Stephens Ranch Phase 2	Starwood Energy Group	164.7	92	General Electric	Texas	2015
Los Vientos III	Duke Energy	200	100	Vestas	Texas	2015
Lundgren	Berkshire Hathaway Energy	246.1	107	Siemens	Iowa	2014
Bison 4	Minnesota Power/Siemens	204.8	64	Siemens	North Dakota	2014
Stephens Ranch Phase 1	Starwood Energy Group	200.6	118	General Electric	Texas	2014
G114 Prototype	Gamesa Energy	2	1	Gamesa	Texas	2014
Spring Canyon III	Invenergy	28.9	17	General Electric	Colorado	2014
Spring Canyon II	Invenergy	32.3	19	General Electric	Colorado	2014
Vienna II	Berkshire Hathaway Energy	43.7	19	Siemens	Iowa	2013
Lakeswind	Rockland Capital	51.2	32	General Electric	Minnesota	2013
Spinning Spur Wind Ranch	Cielo Wind Power	161	70	Siemens	Texas	2013



Project Name	Client	MW	# of Generators	Turbine Manufacturer	State	COD
Los Vientos Wind 1A	Duke Energy	200	87	Siemens	Texas	2013
Santa Isabel	Pattern Energy Group	101.2	44	Siemens	Puerto Rico	2013
Busch Ranch	Black Hills Corporation	28	16	Vestas	Colorado	2013
Morninglight Windfarm	Berkshire Hathaway Energy	101.2	44	Siemens	Iowa	2013
Crofton Bluffs Wind	Edison Mission Energy	42	22	Vestas	Nebraska	2013
Eclipse Wind	Berkshire Hathaway Energy	200	87	Siemens	Iowa	2013
Huerfano River	Sany Group	8	4	Sany	Colorado	2013
Meadow Creek Wind	Ridgeline Energy	119.7	57	Suzlon	Idaho	2013
Pillar Mountain II	Kodiak Electric Association	4.5	3	General Electric	Alaska	2012
Ironwood Wind	Duke Energy	168	73	Siemens	Kansas	2012
Cimarron Wind II	Duke Energy	131	57	Siemens	Kansas	2012
Cimarron Wind I	CPV	165	72	Siemens	Kansas	2012
Broken Bow Wind Phase I	Edison Mission Energy	80	50	General Electric	Nebraska	2012
Los Vientos Wind 1B	Duke Energy	201.6	84	Mitsubishi	Texas	2012
Panhandle Wind Ranch	Cielo Wind Power, LP/Golden Spread Electric Cooperative	78.2	34	Siemens	Texas	2011
Taloga Wind	Edison Mission Energy	129.6	54	Mitsubishi	Oklahoma	2011
New Harvest Wind	Avangrid Renewables	100	50	Gamesa	Iowa	2011
Crow Lake	Basin Electric Power Cooperative	162	108	General Electric	South Dakota	2011
Rockland Wind Farm	Ridgeline Energy	79.2	44	Vestas	Idaho	2011
Diamond Willow	Montana Dakota Utilities	10.5	7	General Electric	Montana	2010
Top of the World A	Duke Energy	101.2	44	Siemens	Wyoming	2010
Buffalo Ridge Wind II	Avangrid Renewables	210	105	Gamesa	South Dakota	2010
Cedro Hill Wind	Edison Mission Energy	150	100	General Electric	Texas	2010
Top of the World B	Duke Energy	99	66	General Electric	Wyoming	2010
Cedar Hills	Montana Dakota Utilities	19.5	13	General Electric	North Dakota	2010
Red Mesa Windfarm	NextEra Energy Resources	102.4	64	General Electric	New Mexico	2010
Kit Carson Windfarm	Duke Energy	51	34	General Electric	Colorado	2010
Spearville II	Kansas City Power & Light	48	32	General Electric	Kansas	2010
Laredo Ridge	Edison Mission Energy	81	54	General Electric	Nebraska	2010
Goat Mountain Phase II	Edison Mission Energy	69.6	29	Mitsubishi	Texas	2009
Notrees 1b	Duke Energy	60	40	General Electric	Texas	2009
ILEC Wind	Iowa Lakes Electric Coop	21	14	General Electric	Iowa	2009
Silver Sage Windfarm	Duke Energy	42	20	Suzlon	Wyoming	2009
Buffalo Ridge Wind	Avangrid Renewables	50.4	24	Suzlon	South Dakota	2009
Rugby Windfarm	Avangrid Renewables	149.1	71	Suzlon	North Dakota	2009
Wilton II	NextEra Energy Resources	49.5	33	General Electric	North Dakota	2009



PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Project Name	Client	MW	# of Generators	Turbine Manufacturer	State	COD
Three Buttes/Campbell Hill	Duke Energy	100.5	67	General Electric	Wyoming	2009
Charles City	Berkshire Hathaway Energy	75	50	General Electric	Iowa	2008
Endeavor II	NextEra Energy Resources	50	20	Clipper	Iowa	2008
Baker Windfarm	Montana Dakota Utilities	19.5	13	General Electric	Montana	2008
Notrees 1a	Duke Energy	90.7	55	Vestas	Texas	2008
Adair Windfarm	Berkshire Hathaway Energy	174.8	76	Siemens	Iowa	2008
Langdon II	NextEra Energy Resources	40.5	27	General Electric	North Dakota	2008
Barton Wind	Avangrid Renewables	160	80	Gamesa	Iowa	2008
Wessington Springs Wind	Pattern Energy Group, Inc.	51	34	General Electric	South Dakota	2008
Marengo II	RES Americas	77.4	43	Vestas	Washington	2008
Goat Mountain Phase I	Edison Mission Energy	80	80	Mitsubishi	Texas	2008
Winnebago	Avangrid Renewables	20	10	Gamesa	Iowa	2008
Century III	Berkshire Hathaway Energy	15	10	General Electric	Iowa	2008
Happy Jack Windfarm	Duke Energy	29.4	14	Suzlon	Wyoming	2008
Endeavor I	Clipper Windpower	100	40	Clipper	Iowa	2008
Jeffers Windfarm	Clipper Windpower	50	20	Clipper	Minnesota	2007
Top of Iowa II	Avangrid Renewables	80	40	Gamesa	Iowa	2007
Marengo I	RES Americas	140.4	78	Vestas	Washington	2007
Top of Iowa III	Madison Gas & Electric	29.7	18	Vestas	Iowa	2007
Oliver County II	NextEra Energy Resources	48	32	General Electric	North Dakota	2007
Wilton I	NextEra Energy Resources	49.5	33	General Electric	North Dakota	2006
Oliver County I	NextEra Energy Resources	50.6	22	Siemens	North Dakota	2006
Mower County	NextEra Energy Resources	99	43	Siemens	Minnesota	2006
Velva Windfarm	DES	12	18	Vestas	North Dakota	2005
2001-2004 Wind Projects	Multiple Owners	85	89		North Dakota	2004
Edgeley/Kulm	NextEra Energy Resources	61.5	41	General Electric	North Dakota	2003
TOTALS		16,897.3	7,309.0			



PRICING

Our pricing methodology includes requesting multiple bids from reputable subcontractors and material suppliers to achieve the best value. Our knowledge and expertise allow us to maximize efficiency in order to provide our clients the most cost-effective solutions. Our detailed quotation for the Thunder Spirit 1 Decommissioning project follows.





Project:	Thunder Spirit 1 Decommissioning
Proposal Type:	BOP Budget (2024 dollars)
Proposal Date:	4/3/2024
WTG # & Type:	43 x Nordex 2.5 MW, 80M HH, 100M rotor
Total MW:	107.5
Phase:	1
Location:	Hettinger, ND

Client Requested Breakout Sheet

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	Wind Turbine Removal	43	EA	\$ 128,252.51	\$ 5,514,857.93
2	Crane Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 444,975.63	\$ 444,975.63
3	Crane Rental	1	LS	\$ 1,035,016.33	\$ 1,035,016.33
4	Crane Teardowns	2	EA	\$ 29,471.20	\$ 58,942.40
5	Wind Turbine Hauling / Disposal	43	EA	\$ 102,027.16	\$ 4,387,167.88
6	Wind Turbine Foundation Removal	43	EA	\$ 9,262.62	\$ 398,292.66
7	Wind Turbine Foundation Hauling / Disposal	43	EA	\$ 1,708.72	\$ 73,474.96
8	Substation Removal				Included in Thunder Spirit 2
9	Substation Hauling and Disposal				Included in Thunder Spirit 2
10	Transmission Line Removal				Included in Thunder Spirit 2
11	Civil Works Crushed Rock Surfacing Removal	76,671	LF	\$ 13.89	\$ 1,064,960.19
12	Civil Works Hauling / Disposal	1	LS	\$ 160,983.01	\$ 160,983.01
13	Civil Works Grading / Seeding Costs	1	LS	\$ 281,994.11	\$ 281,994.11
14	O&M Facility Removal				Included in Thunder Spirit 2
15	O&M Facility Hauling / Disposal				Included in Thunder Spirit 2
16	Met Tower Removal / Disposal				Included in Thunder Spirit 2
17	Collection System Removal	1	LS	\$ 209,351.07	\$ 209,351.07
18	Contingency	1	LS	\$ 404,001.28	\$ 404,001.28
TOTAL PRICE (EXCLUDING PERFORMANCE BOND)					\$ 14,034,017.45

ALTERNATES

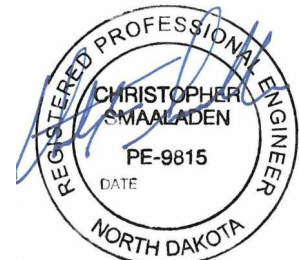
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
A	SCRAP VALUE OF COMPONENTS (See next page)	1	LS		\$ (3,740,890.00)



Project:	Thunder Spirit 1 Decommissioning
Proposal Type:	BOP Budget (2024 dollars)
Proposal Date:	4/3/2024
WTG Type:	Nordex 2.5 MW, 80M HH, 100M rotor X 43
Total MW:	107.5
Location:	Hettinger, ND

Salvage value Worksheet

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
Mixed Steel					
1	Concrete WTG Foundation - Spread Footing Pedestal Rebar	172.00	TN	\$ (160.00)	\$ (27,520.00)
2	WTG Steel Towers - 80 Meter	8,170.00	TN	\$ (160.00)	\$ (1,307,200.00)
3	WTG Equipment - Hub Assemblies	1,182.50	TN	\$ (160.00)	\$ (189,200.00)
4	WTG Equipment - Nacelles	2,838.00	TN	\$ (160.00)	\$ (454,080.00)
5	WTG Equipment - Generators	258.00	TN	\$ (160.00)	\$ (41,280.00)
6	Electrical Equipment - WTG Transformer 34.5KV	215.00	TN	\$ (160.00)	\$ (34,400.00)
7	Electrical Equipment - MP Transformer 34.5KV				Included in Thunder Spirit 2
8	Electrical Equipment - Grounding Transformer 34.5KV	7.00	TN	\$ (160.00)	\$ (1,120.00)
9	Electrical Equipment - Poles, Risers, Structural, Misc.				Included in Thunder Spirit 2
Copper					
10	WTG Equipment - Tower Cable	68.80	TN	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (344,000.00)
11	WTG Equipment - Generators	172.00	TN	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (860,000.00)
12	Electrical Equipment - WTG Transformer 34.5KV	86.00	TN	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (430,000.00)
13	Electrical Equipment - MP Transformer 34.5KV				Included in Thunder Spirit 2
14	Electrical Equipment - Grounding Transformer 34.5KV	5.00	TN	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (25,000.00)
Aluminum					
15	Cable - Misc Wiring	90.30	TN	\$ (300.00)	\$ (27,090.00)
SALVAGE VALUE SUBTOTAL					\$ (3,740,890.00)
Unit Cost					\$ (86,997.44)



Date: April 25, 2024

ASSUMPTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

To help provide additional details regarding our proposal and approach to executing this project, please see our detailed Assumptions & Clarifications for the Thunder Spirit 1 Decommissioning project.



General Clarifications

1. Wanzek has prepared pricing for strictly budgetary purposes, based on current market prices.
2. Wanzek has excluded any prevailing wage or union requirements.
3. Wanzek has excluded taxes. Applicable taxes will be paid by owner.

Site Clarifications

4. Wanzek assumes that access to and from the jobsite along with an adequate work area will be available without restriction.
5. Owner to provide adequate lay down area for storage of contractor materials, supplies and equipment storage and maintenance area.
6. Owner responsible for Landowner communications and dealings.
7. Wanzek excludes any state, or county road improvements and/or traffic control measures, barricades, or utility control, that may be required to operate at the jobsite.

Turbine Disassembly

8. Wanzek's pricing assumes the turbines will be deconstructed with a crane, following construction industry safety processes.
9. Wanzek's pricing includes downsizing the WTG components on site and hauling away for scrap. Approximate salvage value is listed on the second page of the pricing sheet, based on current market prices.

Civil Works

10. Pricing includes removal of 8" (average) of road aggregate and turbine beauty rings. Pricing assumes all removed material will be placed on nearby aggregate roads.
11. Foundation demo work assumes concrete will be disposed of offsite to at least 48" at the Thunder Spirit Wind Farm, per land lease agreements. Structural steel will be removed and scrapped.
12. All areas will be de-compacted and graded to facilitate drainage using surrounding material. No imported fill has been considered.
13. Seeding has been included where necessary.

Collection System

14. Wanzek has included removal of pad mount transformers and box pads. Junction Boxes will also be removed.
15. Wanzek has included the removal of the substations and reclamation of the aggregate yards.
16. Wanzek has excluded the removal of underground collection cable deeper than 24" but will remove electrical components to a depth of 24" for the substation, transmission, and collection systems.

O&M Building

17. Removal of O&M buildings has been included.



Proposed Means and Methods

Mobilization

Wanzek will mobilize the main crane (M16000,) support cranes, equipment and crews a week before disassembly will begin. Wanzek will also bring in a single wide trailer for site management to work.

Take Down Turbines

Wanzek will have two crews taking down the turbines. Crew #1 will prep the towers ahead of the main erection crane. Crew #2 will disassemble the turbines. Wanzek predicts that four-five towers per week will be taken down and placed on the ground.

Remove Collection System

Wanzek will remove the pad mount transformers and box pads. Collection cables will be removed to a depth of 24", all collection materials below that depth will remain in place. All areas requiring reseeding will be seeded with approved seed mix.

Remove Substation

Wanzek will remove all fixtures and steel and haul off site. Foundations will be removed to a depth of 48", in compliance with the respective land lease agreements. All materials below that depth will remain in place. Substation fence will be removed and hauled away. Equipment will be removed to the point of interconnect. Aggregate yard will be removed and distributed on nearby gravel roadways. All areas requiring reseeding will be seeded with approved seed mix.

Remove O&M Building

Wanzek will demo and remove the building including foundation to a depth of 48". All materials below that depth will remain in place. All areas requiring reseeding will be seeded with approved seed mix.

Remove Foundations

Wanzek will excavate around the foundation following all OSHA requirements for excavations. We will remove the concrete to a depth of 48" using an excavator with a concrete breaker attachment. Once concrete is all broken up, the rebar and bolts will be removed (using a torch if needed) and placed in a steel dumpster. The excavations will be backfilled and compacted to 85%.

Remove Roads, Turbine Rings, and Crane Pads

Wanzek will utilize motor grader, excavator and gravel truck to remove the existing gravel. All road gravel is assumed to be installed on adjacent gravel roads. All areas requiring seeding will be seeded with an approved seed mixture.

Equipment

Wanzek has include one main crane, support crane, two fork lifts, excavator, loader, generators, light plants, pickups, skidsteer and all required tooling to disassemble a tower.

Materials

There are no specific materials that have been identified for this project





Attachment B

Attachment B

GUARANTY

THIS GUARANTY ("Guaranty"), dated as of August 16, 2024 (the "Effective Date"), is made by MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., a Delaware corporation ("Guarantor"), in favor of the NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ("Commission").

RECITALS:

- A. WHEREAS, Guarantor operates the Thunder Spirit Wind Project (the "Project") in Adams County, North Dakota which consists of one or more wind turbines and tower equipment;
- B. WHEREAS, Guarantor is required to provide to Commission financial assurance supporting its obligation to decommission the Thunder Spirit Wind Project pursuant to Section 69-09-09-08 of the North Dakota Administrative Code (the "Statute");
- C. WHEREAS, Guarantor will directly or indirectly benefit from the Project; and
- D. WHEREAS, Guarantor wishes to issue the Guaranty to Commission to satisfy the terms of the Statute.
- E. NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipts and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged. Guarantor hereby agrees for the benefit of Commission as follows:

1. **GUARANTY.** Subject to the terms and provisions hereof. Guarantor hereby absolutely and irrevocably guarantees the timely payment when due of all obligations owing to Commission under the Statute on or after the Effective Date (the "Obligations"). This Guaranty shall constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection. The liability of Guarantor under the Guaranty shall be subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the maximum aggregate obligation and liability of Guarantor under the Guaranty, and the maximum recovery from Guarantor under this Guaranty, shall in no event exceed Fourteen Million Thirty-Four Thousand Seventeen U.S. Dollars (U.S. \$14,034,017) (the "Maximum Recovery Amount").
- (b) The obligation and liability of Guarantor under this Guaranty is specifically limited to payments due and owing, as well as costs of collection and enforcement of this Guaranty (including attorney's fees) to the extent reasonably and actually incurred by the Commission (subject in all instances, to the limitations imposed by the Maximum Recovery Amount as specified in Section 1(a) above). In no event, however, shall Guarantor be liable for or obligated to pay any consequential, indirect, incidental, lost profit, special, exemplary, punitive, equitable or tort damages.

2. **DEMANDS AND PAYMENT.**

- (a) If obligor fails to pay any Obligation to Commission when such Obligation is due and owing (an "Overdue Obligation"), Commission may present a written demand to Guarantor calling for Guarantor's payment of such Overdue Obligation pursuant to the Guaranty (a "Payment Demand").
- (b) Guarantor's obligation hereunder to pay any particular Overdue Obligation(s) to Commission is conditioned upon Guarantor's receipt of a Payment Demand from Commission satisfying the following requirement: (i) such Payment Demand must identify the specific Overdue Obligation(s) covered by such demand and the specific date(s) upon which such Overdue Obligation(s) became due and owing; (ii) such Payment Demand must be delivered to Guarantor in accordance with Section 9 below; and (iii) the specific Overdue Obligation(s) addressed by such Payment Demand must remain due and unpaid at the time of such delivery to Guarantor.
- (c) After issuing a Payment Demand in accordance with the requirement specified in Section 2(b) above. Commission shall not be required to issue any further notices or make any further demands with respect to the Overdue Obligation(s) specified in that Payment Demand, and Guarantor shall be required to make payment with respect to the Overdue Obligation(s) specified in that Payment Demand within five (5) Business Days after Guarantor receives such demand. As used herein, the term "Business Days" shall mean all weekdays (i.e. Monday through Friday) other than any weekdays during which commercial banks or financial institutions are authorized to be closed to the public in the State of North Dakota.

3. **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.** Guarantor represents and warrants that:

- (a) it is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and carry out the terms and provisions of the Guaranty;
- (b) no authorization, approval, consent or order of, or registration of filing with, any court or other governmental body having jurisdiction over Guarantor is required on the part of Guarantor for the execution and delivery of the Guaranty; and
- (c) this Guaranty constitutes a valid and legally binding agreement of Guarantor, enforceable against Guarantor in accordance with the terms hereof, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditor's rights generally and by general principles of equity.

4. **RESERVATION OF CERTAIN DEFENSES.** Without limiting Guarantor's own defenses and rights hereunder, Guarantor reserves to itself all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other defenses to which it is or may be entitled.

5. **AMENDMENT OF GUARANTY.** No term or provision of this Guaranty shall be amended, modified, altered, waived or supplemented except in a writing signed by Guarantor and Commission.

6. **WAIVERS AND CONSENTS.** Subject to and in accordance with the terms and provisions of Guaranty:

- (a) Except as required in Section 2 above. Guarantor hereby waives (i) notice of appearance of this Guaranty; (ii) presentment and demand concerning the liabilities of Guarantor; and (iii) any right to require that any action or proceeding be brought against any other person, or to require that Commission seek enforcement of any performance against any other person, prior to any action against Guarantor under the terms hereof.
- (b) No delay by Commission in the exercise of (or failure by Commission to exercise) any rights hereunder shall operate as a waiver of such rights, a waiver of any other rights or a release of Guarantor from its obligations hereunder (with the understanding, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver by Guarantor of any rights or defenses which Guarantor may at any time have pursuant to or in connection with any applicable statutes of limitation).
- (c) Without notice to or the consent of Guarantor, and without impairing or releasing Guarantor's obligations under this Guaranty, Commission may; (i) change the manner, place or terms for payment of all or any of the Obligations (including renewals, extensions, or other alterations of the Obligations); (ii) release any person (other than Guarantor) from liability for payment of all or any of the Obligations; or (iii) receive, substitute, surrender, exchange or release any collateral or other security for any or all of the Obligations.

7. **TERMINATION.** Unless terminated earlier, this Guaranty and the Guarantor's obligations hereunder will terminate automatically and immediately at 11:59:59 Central Prevailing Time September 1, 2054; provided, however, that no such termination shall affect Guarantor's liability with respect to any Obligation incurred prior to the time the termination is effective, which Obligation shall remain subject to the Guaranty.

8. **FINANCIAL CONDITION.** Guarantor will promptly provide the Commission a copy of any notice it is required to provide to Guarantor's lenders under its credit facility agreement as then in effect related to a default or event of default as defined in such agreement.

9. **NOTICE.** Any Payment Demand, notice, request, instruction, correspondence or other document to be given hereunder (herein collectively called ("Notice") by Commission to Guarantor, or by Guarantor to Commission, as applicable, shall be in writing and may be delivered either by (i) U.S. Certified mail with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or (ii) recognized nationwide courier service with delivery receipt requested, in either case to be delivered to the following address (or to such other U.S. address as may be specified via Notice provided by Guarantor or Commission, as applicable, to the other in accordance with the requirements of this Section 9):

<u>TO GUARNTOR:</u>	<u>TO COMMISSION:</u>
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. 400 North 4 th Street Bismarck, ND 58501 Attn: Controller	North Dakota Public Service Commission. 600 East Boulevard Avenue Bismarck, ND 58505 Attn: Dept. 408
Telephone (701)-222-7900 – for use in connection with courier deliveries	Telephone (701)-328-2400 – for use in connection with courier deliveries

Any Notice given in accordance with this Section 9 will (i) if delivered during the recipient's normal business hours on any given Business Day, be deemed received by the designated recipient on such date, and (ii) if not delivered during the recipients' normal business hours on any given Business Day, be deemed received by the designated recipient at the start of the recipient's normal business hours on the next Business Day after such deliver.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

- (a) This Guaranty shall in all respects be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of North Dakota, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws thereunder.
- (b) This Guaranty shall be binding upon Guarantor and its successors and permitted assigns and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Commission and its successors and permitted assigns. Guarantor may not assign this Guaranty in part or in whole without the prior written consent of Commission. Commission may not assign its rights or benefits under the Guaranty in part or in whole without the prior written consent of Guarantor.
- (c) This Guaranty embodies the entire agreement and understanding between Guarantor and Commission and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof.
- (d) The headings in the Guaranty are for purposes of reference only and shall not affect the meaning hereof. Words importing and singular number hereunder shall include the plural number and vice versa, and any pronouns used herein shall be deemed to cover all genders. The term "person" as used herein means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association, (or government (or any agency or political subdivision thereof).
- (e) Wherever possible, any provision in this Guaranty which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and

any such prohibition or unenforceability in any one jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

- (f) Commission (by its acceptance of this Guaranty) and Guarantor each hereby irrevocably:
- (i) consents and submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the North Dakota District Court, Burleigh County for the purpose of any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of this Guaranty or the subject matter hereof or any of the transaction contemplated hereby brought by Commission, Guarantor or their respective successors or assigns; and
 - (ii) waives (to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law) and agrees not to assert any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named court, that the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum, that the venue of the suit, action or proceeding is improper or that this Guaranty or the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has executed this Guaranty on August 16, 2024, but it is effective as of the Effective Date.

MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____