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*Via Hand Delivery and E-mail*

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In re: Langdon Wind Energy Center Upgrade Project  
PSC Case No. PU-18-186  
Our File No. 035218-000043

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

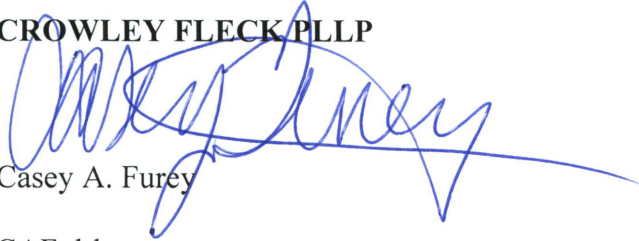
On behalf of Langdon Wind, LLC (Langdon Wind) and enclosed for filing in PU-18-186, is one original and seven copies of the Proposed Order for Third Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility.

On July 09, 2018, in the above-referenced matter, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Docket No. 7) on the issue of whether to amend the Commission's May 31, 2007 Order [issued in PU-07-26 and as subsequently amended] to recognize the additional generating capacity associated with activities detailed in the certification filed by Langdon Wind on May 25, 2018 (Docket No. 1). The notice provided that comments and requests for hearing must be received by August 20, 2018. The comment period has expired and

Langdon Wind respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the enclosed Proposed Order for Third Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility.

Sincerely,

**CROWLEY FLECK PLLP**



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

**Langdon Wind, LLC**  
**Langdon Wind Energy Center Upgrade Project**  
**Siting Exclusion Certification**

**Case No. PU-18-186**

**PROPOSED ORDER ISSUING THIRD AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF SITE  
COMPATIBILITY**

On May 31, 2007, in Case No. PU-07-26, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 6 to Langdon Wind, LLC (Langdon Wind) authorizing construction of a 159 MW Langdon Wind Energy Center (LWEC), consisting up to 106 wind turbines, in Cavalier County, North Dakota.

On May 7, 2008, in Case No. PU-07-722, the Commission issued First Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 6 to Langdon Wind authorizing expansion of the LWEC to include an additional 40.5 MW consisting up to an additional 27 turbines.

On July 16, 2008, in Case No. PU-08-159, the Commission issued Second Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 6 to Langdon Wind and Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 8 to Otter Tail Power Company (Otter Tail) authorizing the transfer of ownership of a 40.5 MW portion of the LWEC from Langdon Wind to Otter Tail.

On May 25, 2018, in Case No. PU-18-186, Langdon Wind filed a certification to improve the LWEC by extending the life of Langdon Wind's older turbines. Langdon Wind plans to install new gearboxes and larger rotors that will increase the generating capacity of Langdon Wind's LWEC from 159 MW to 171.72 MW.

On July 9, 2018, the Commission issued Notice of Opportunity for hearing, which provided until August 20, 2018 for receiving written comments or hearing requests. The notice identified the following issue for consideration: whether to amend the Commission's May 31, 2007 Order to recognize the additional generating capacity that would result from the improvements detailed in Langdon Wind's May 25, 2018 filing. No comments or requests for hearing were received.

**Discussion**

Second Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 6, issued to Langdon Wind in PU-08-159, permitted the LWEC to generate up to 159 MW.

North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(3)(a) provides that certain activities do not constitute "construction" that would otherwise require siting approval.

Pursuant to N.D.C.C. § 49-22-03(3)(a), Langdon Wind filed a certification for activities to improve the LWEC, which would also result in an increase to the LWEC's nameplate capacity.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds it appropriate to remove the generation capacity limitation contained within Second Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 6.

**Order**

The Commission Orders:

1. Third Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 6 is issued to Langdon Wind, LLC for the 106 wind turbine Langdon Wind Energy Center located in Cavalier County, North Dakota.
2. All applicable provisions and requirements in the Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issued on May 31, 2007 in Case No. PU-07-26, May 7, 2008 in Case No. PU-07-722, and on July 16, 2008 in Case No. PU-08-159 continue to apply except where altered by this Order.

**Public Service Commission**

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**Brian Kroshus**  
**Commissioner**

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**Randy Christmann**  
**Chairman**

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**Julie Fedorchak**  
**Commissioner**