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**In Re: Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC  
Emmons-Logan Wind Energy Center  
PU-18-280  
Our File No. 035218-000046**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find an original and seven copies of the Preconstruction Conference Call Minutes and Notice of Intent to Commence Construction for the Emmons-Logan Wind Energy Center.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

CROWLEY FLECK PLLP

  
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cc: Jerry Lein (via email)  
Tracy Davis (via email)

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**In re: Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC  
230 kV Transmission Line  
PU-18-281  
Our File No. 035218-000046**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

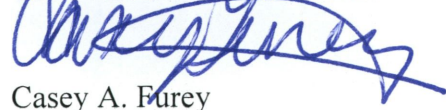
Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find an original and seven copies of the Preconstruction Conference Call Minutes and Notice of Intent to Commence Construction for the Emmons-Logan 230 kV Transmission Line.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
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**Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC  
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**PU-18-280**

**Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC  
230 kV Transmission Line  
Emmons County**

**PU-18-281**

**PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION**

**Call Date and Time:** April 23, 2019, 1:00 – 1:54 PM CT

**Attendees:**

- North Dakota Public Service Commission (“ND PSC”):
  - Jerry Lein, Public Utility Analyst, [jleign@nd.gov](mailto:jleign@nd.gov), 701.328.1035
- ND PSC Construction Inspectors, Keitu Engineers and Consultants, Inc. (“Keitu”):
  - Karine Finken, [kfinken@keitu.com](mailto:kfinken@keitu.com), 701.667.1808
  - Jaimee Antognazzi, [jantognazzi@keitu.com](mailto:jantognazzi@keitu.com), 701.667.1808
- For Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC (“Emmons-Logan”):
  - Albert Sanchez, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (“NEER”), Construction Manager, [Albert.Sanchez@nexteraenergy.com](mailto:Albert.Sanchez@nexteraenergy.com), 701.426.5124
    - Point of contact for construction complaints.
  - Clay Cameron, NEER, Project Manager Renewable Development
  - Daryl Hart, NEER, Director, Renewable Business Development
  - Adrienne Charbonneau, NEER, Senior Environmental Specialist
  - Dustin Jones, NEER, Environmental Service Project Manager
  - Dick Rausch, NEER, Senior Project Manager Construction
  - Tracy Davis, NEER, Senior Regulatory Attorney
  - Joshua Allen, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. (“ECT”), Associate Scientist II
  - Brian Ortman, ECT, Senior Manager - Central Region, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.
  - Reed Scott, ECT, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. (“ECT”), Associate Scientist II
  - Robert Hulbert, Blattner Energy, Site Manager
  - Casey Furey, Crowley Fleck PLLP, Local Counsel

## Meeting Minutes:

Call commenced at 1:00 PM CT.

Mr. Lein requested Emmons-Logan take attendance and minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Lein reviewed PU-18-280 Order provisions numbers 1-9 verbatim.

Call paused at 1:12 due to connection issues. Call resumed at 1:15.

Mr. Lein read the Certification Relating to Order Provisions for PU-18-280, Docket No. 101.

- Paragraphs 1-2, read verbatim.
- Paragraph 3, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein requested that Emmons-Logan file road crossing agreements.
- Paragraph 4, read verbatim.
- Paragraph 5, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein stated that Emmons-Logan is required to provide Keitu with records upon requested.
- Paragraph 6, read verbatim.
- Paragraph 7, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein inquired if Emmons-Logan is aware of the ND PSC's construction financial assurance requirements. Emmons-Logan is aware of construction financial assurance requirements is communicating with ND PSC counsel regarding financial assurance forms and templates.
- Paragraph 8, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein requested that Emmons-Logan provide contact information for its construction supervisor. *See* contact information of Mr. Sanchez above.
- Paragraph 9, read verbatim.
- Paragraph 10, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein requested that Emmons-Logan coordinate with Keitu regarding construction start date for onsite visit.
  - Mr. Lein stated that monthly construction reports will need to be provided to the ND PSC. Mr. Lein requested that summaries provide high level detail of the prior month's activities (e.g. number of turbine sites dug, number of turbines installed etc.).
- Paragraph 11, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein continued to discuss the monthly construction reports and explained there is no required format. The reports are to be filed with the ND PSC and emailed to Mr. Lein and Ms. Antognazzi with Keitu.
- Paragraphs 12-14, read verbatim.
- Paragraph 15, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein provided additional information regarding topsoil removal and stated all topsoil must be removed (e.g. regardless if there is 3 or 15 inches of topsoil, it must all be stripped). Blattner stated that topsoil samples have been taken and used to

create a log of depth. In certain areas, soil depth is only several inches. Mr. Lein commented that the term "depth of cultivation" as used in Paragraph 15 can be defined to mean depth of topsoil. Keitu must be on site for initial topsoil removal.

- Paragraphs 16-21, read verbatim.
- Paragraph 22, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein recommended that Emmons-Logan take video of roads to document their condition.
- Paragraphs 23-24, read verbatim.
- Paragraph 25, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein requested that all landowner gates be closed to avoid livestock escaping.
- Paragraphs 26-30, read verbatim.
- Paragraph 31, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein inquired if Emmons-Logan would be submitting engineering drawings and Emmons-Logan confirmed it will submit the required information.
- Paragraph 32, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein requested that that Emmons-Logan contact ND PSC staff directly if a major or extraordinary event occurs onsite.
- Paragraph 33, read verbatim.
- Paragraph 34, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein clarified that as-built files should be provided to the ND PSC in GIS format. Mr. Lein directed Emmons-Logan to contact the ND PSC with questions regarding format.
- Paragraph 35, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein discussed One-Call requirements and recommended that Emmon-Logan ensure all One-Call tickets are current.
- Paragraph 36, read verbatim.
- Paragraph 37, read verbatim.
  - Mr. Lein inquired about Emmons-Logan's point of contact for construction complaints. Mr. Sanchez is Emmons-Logan's point of contact for construction complaints. *See* contact information listed above.
- Paragraphs 38-39, discussion regarding certification procedure and process for filing facility modifications.

Discussion of Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications requirements. Mr. Lein explained that Emmons-Logan is required to inventory trees and shrubs that will be removed and file a plan that details replacement. Emmons-Logan's replacement plan must be approved by the ND PSC before replacement can occur, but does not need to be approved prior to commencement of construction.

Discussion regarding the similarity of requirements for the transmission facility in Certification Relating to Order Provisions in PU-18-281, Docket No. 77, to the requirements in PU-18-280.

Exchange of contact information between parties.

Mr. Lein commented that as long as Emmons-Logan utilizes the same construction contractor for both PU-18-280 and PU-18-281, Keitu only needs to be present for initial topsoil removal for one of the projects.

Discussion regarding topsoil segregation requirements. Topsoil stripping and segregation is required at any location where digging occurs, this includes transmission line pole locations.

Call concluded at 1:54 PM CT.

Emmons-Logan anticipates construction will commence on May 16, 2019.