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**Date:** 8/27/2019  
**To:** North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC)  
**CC:** Allison Northcutt- NextEra Energy Resources, LLC; Brian Ortman, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. (ECT); Alex Kettwich, ECT  
**From:** Mary Rausch- ECT  
**Re:** Tribal Site Discovery – Emmons-Logan Wind Energy Center  
Case No. PU-18-280

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On 8/13/2019, a potential tribal site (previously unidentified) was found at Turbine site 44 during pad construction at the Emmons-Logan Wind Energy Center, located in Emmons and Logan counties in North Dakota. The area was being monitored by a representative of the Standing Rock tribe, when the site was discovered. Construction in the area was stopped immediately upon discovery. The integrity of the discovery was not impacted by construction. The Project Archaeologist (AECOM) and environmental construction lead (ECT) were notified. All notifications and procedures were followed as outlined in the Unanticipated Discoveries Plan, provided by AECOM.

On 8/14/2019, Jeremy Freeman, the Standing Rock archaeologist visited the site on behalf of Jon Eagle, the Standing Rock Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). The area of the discovery and surrounding areas were deemed spiritually important and no resolution could be reached until Jon Eagle was able to visit the site. Unfortunately, Mr. Eagle was out of the country and unavailable. Therefore, the project owners, Emmons-Logan Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC made the decision to completely avoid the site and eliminate the turbine. An alternative turbine location (Alt 2) was activated as a replacement to Turbine 44, thus preserving the site.

AECOM will be submitting a Cultural Heritage Form to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), documenting the discovery and findings.