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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to share my strong support for NextEra Energy Resources and the Burke Wind project. NextEra Energy Resources has been working in North Dakota for nearly two decades and have a proven track record. They have invested over \$2.5 billion in the state, including 14 successfully operating wind projects.

Burke Wind will create good-paying jobs – hundreds of construction jobs as well as full-time operational jobs. It's expected to generate more than \$28 million dollars in additional tax revenue for Burke County. Just think of what that can mean for local schools, roads, police and fire services. All of those economic benefits come with little to no impact on existing county services.

Some have questioned what wind turbines will mean for a farming community. Farmers across North Dakota and the country are finding wind turbines are not only compatible with farming operations - they're an important asset. Wind turbines take up very little land and they harvest the wind to create clean energy, as well as payments for landowners and economic growth for the entire community.

I support the Burke Wind project. It will have a positive impact on Burke County and will generate clean, home-grown energy for years to come.

Sincerely,

Rep. Donald W. Longmuir

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The Honorable Donald Longmuir