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Jodi A. Smith, Commissioner

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ND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
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Re: Proposed NextEra – Burke Wind LLC (Case No. PU-18-344) on ND School Trust Land (ROW#8246) in:  
**Burke County**  
Township 161 North, Range 93 West  
Section 16: SW4  
Township 161 North, Range 92 West  
Section 16: S2

Dear Commissioners:

The Department of Trust Lands (DTL) is aware that NextEra Energy Resources is proposing to include ND School Trust Land within its pending request for a wind farm permit from the NDPSC for their proposed Burke Wind Farm in Burke County.

Although the DTL is in preliminary negotiations with NextEra, no agreement has been reached. The Board of University and School Lands prefers to wait until all local and state approvals have been granted before completing easement negotiations, and therefore, no request for approval has been considered by the Board. DTL is authorized to negotiate with NextEra and submit a recommended easement and terms for Board consideration should the NDPSC approve the project.

Please contact me at (701) 328-2800 or Michael Humann at [mhumann@nd.gov](mailto:mhumann@nd.gov), if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jodi Smith, Commissioner  
University and School Lands

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**Letter acknowledging siting Application**

North Dakota Department of Trust Lands

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