

**TO: NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.**

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### **DESCRIPTION OF THE FACILITY**

The Aurora Wind Project is located in Williams County, North Dakota, northwest of Tioga. U.S. Highway 2 passes a few miles south of the site providing excellent transportation access.

The site is located in a rural setting dominated by crop fields.

Aurora Wind Project, LLC, has secured sufficient site control of land via long-term leases to accommodate the entire 300 MW wind energy facility.

### **SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES COMPLETED IN PRIOR MONTH**

- ✦ Ongoing road clearing and grading work, ongoing turbine pad clearing
- ✦ Negotiation of remaining utility, oil, and gas encroachment agreements
- ✦ Pad clearing and grading of substation completed. Ongoing installation work for main power transformer foundations at the substation.
- ✦ Transmission corridor vegetation clearing and grubbing completed.

### **FORECAST OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES**

- ✦ Construction Management Teams will mobilize to the project site in March.
- ✦ Construction of roads and turbine pads paused for the winter on 11/22 and will continue in May as planned.
- ✦ Finish remaining transformer foundations and substation foundations.
- ✦ Ongoing design work on electrical, substation and T-line.
- ✦ Detailed crane sequence and civil work planning for 2020.

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