

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Aurora Wind Project, LLC
Aurora Wind Project – Williams County
Siting Application

Case No. PU-18-352

THIRD CERTIFICATION OF BENJAMIN CONOR BRANCH

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF JOHNSON)

Benjamin Conor Branch, being first duly sworn upon oath, states and alleges as follows:

1. I am an Authorized Representative for the Aurora Wind Project (“Project”), which is owned by Aurora Wind Project, LLC (“Aurora Wind”). I am employed by Enel Green Power, which is assisting Aurora Wind with Project development. I have the authority to bind Aurora Wind with respect to the certifications made herein.

2. I provide this Third Certification pursuant to Provision No. 38 of the Certification Relating to Order Provisions – Wind Energy Conversion Facility Siting, which is part of the Commission’s Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, dated May 7, 2019 (“Order”), in the above-referenced docket.

3. Since the Order was issued, Aurora Wind has determined it will utilize three alternate turbine locations in place of three previously primary turbine locations due to site conditions identified during construction. The modifications are as follows:

- a. Turbine 21 (previously ALT-21) is now a primary turbine in place of Turbine D-02 (which is now an alternate turbine).
- b. Turbine 22 (previously ALT-22) is now a primary turbine in place of Turbine D-05 (which is now an alternate turbine).

c. Turbine 109 (previously ALT-109) is now a primary turbine in place of J-04 (which is now an alternate turbine).

4. A figure comparing the current Project layout with the Project layout filed with my Second Certification, dated May 1, 2020 (*see* Docket Item #148), is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

5. The Project layout complies with all requirements set forth in the Commission's Order.

6. In accordance with Order Paragraph Nos. 5 and 6, updated noise and shadow flicker analyses were conducted for the updated Project layout, and a Sound and Shadow Flicker Addendum Report is attached as **Exhibit B**. As indicated in the report, the Project complies with the Commission's Avoidance Area Sound Requirement and Aurora Wind's shadow flicker goal of 30 hours per year or less at occupied residences.

7. The turbine locations are covered by the Archaeological Summary Report, filed on February 25, 2019 as Hearing Exhibit No. 16. The State Historical Society of North Dakota ("SHSND") issued a concurrence letter on the report on February 1, 2019 (*see* Hearing Exhibit No. 17, filed on February 25, 2019). No National Register of Historic Places ("NRHP") eligible, potentially eligible, or unevaluated cultural resource sites will be impacted.

8. The turbine locations are covered by the Wetlands and Waterbodies Technical Memorandum, filed on February 25, 2019 as Hearing Exhibit No. 20. The Project layout modifications will not result in any permanent impacts to wetlands or waterbodies.

9. The Project layout modifications and associated construction activities will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas within the designated Project site.

10. With respect to the Project, including the layout modifications, Aurora Wind will comply with the Commission's Order, including applicable laws and rules designating the site.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Benjamin Conor Branch

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 30th day of July, 2020.



Notary Public



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