

March 8, 2021

**VIA E-MAIL**

Commissioner Julie Fedorchak  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Aurora Wind Project, LLC  
Aurora Wind Project – Williams County  
Siting Application  
Case No. PU-18-352**

Dear Commissioner Fedorchak:

Aurora Wind Project, LLC (“Aurora”) provides the following information regarding an incident that occurred on March 3, 2021 during operation of the Aurora Wind Project (“Project”) in Williams County, North Dakota.

The Project’s Main Power Transformer (MPT) 2 registered a fault and tripped offline. Based on Aurora’s preliminary analysis, it appears to be a possible internal fault in the transformer. The exact cause is unclear, and a root cause analysis (RCA) has been ordered to determine the exact source of the incident.

As a result, MPT 2 has been affected with 144MW capacity offline. In the interim, Aurora will install a cross tie between Bus 1 and Bus 2 to finish commissioning of turbines on Bus 2. This will allow 30MW of generation from Bus 2, for a total capacity between Bus 1 and Bus 2 limited to 155MW of production capacity (overall capacity is 298.8MW).

Further, Aurora plans to bring a temporary main power transformer from another wind project to the project site. Aurora has submitted a transport request for the temporary unit with a short window available for transport due to frost laws in North Dakota.

Once we have completed our investigation, we will further update the Commission. In the meantime, should the Commission have any questions, please contact Georg Becker-Birck.

Sincerely,

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