



January 31st, 2019

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

SUBJ: Ruso Wind Farm

Recently, I had the opportunity to review the application of certificate of site compatibility for the Ruso Wind Farm. In our original correspondence with the project manager, our agency did not identify any public airports affected by the proposal and we requested that they work with the private airstrip owners within the project area to ensure minimal impact if possible. The private airstrip 70ND was overlooked and not identified as a potential impacted airstrip in our original correspondence with the project manager. This private airstrip is registered with the federal government with the identifier 70ND and the latitude and longitude coordinates are estimated as follows:

47-55-59.2900N
101-08-53.4400W

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention the safety concerns associated with allowing the construction of the currently proposed T-4 tower which is located approximately 4,400 ft from the south end of this private airstrip. The height of the object and the close proximity to the runway could pose a safety concern for the aircraft operators that utilize the 70ND airstrip.

Currently, state law does not provide airspace protections for private airstrips, however our private airstrips are a valuable asset to our statewide aviation infrastructure and should be protected if a viable alternative is possible.

I recommend that in the event of the approval of the Ruso Wind Farm project, that an alternative site is considered in the place of the T-4 tower to accommodate the safety of those operating in and around airstrip 70ND.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kyle Wanner".

Kyle C. Wanner
Executive Director

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Comments re application for certificate of site compatibility
North Dakota Aeronautics Commission
Kyle Wanner, Director