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**RE: Ruso Wind Partners, LLC
Ruso Wind Project – Ward and McLean Counties
Siting Application
Case No. PU-19-28**

and

**Ruso Wind Partners, LLC
230 kV Transmission Line – McHenry and Ward Counties
Siting Application
Case No. PU-19-29**

On January 21, 2019, in Case No. PU-19-28, Ruso Wind Partners, LLC (Ruso Wind) filed an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility to construct an up-to 205 MW Ruso Wind Project consisting of up to 60 wind turbine generators and associated facilities in McLean and Ward Counties of North Dakota.

Also on January 21, 2019, in Case No. PU-19-29, Ruso Wind Partners, LLC filed combined applications for a corridor certificate and route permit to construct approximately ten miles of 230 kV electric transmission line and associated facilities extending from the proposed Ruso Wind Project in Ward County to a new substation to be constructed in McHenry County, North Dakota.

On May 5, 2020, Ruso Wind filed a request for abeyance of the proceedings and of a decision in Case No. PU-19-28 and in Case No. PU-19-29 until after completion of the 2021 North Dakota legislative session.

On May 27, 2020, the Commission issued an Order on Request for Abeyance of Decision (Order), granting Ruso Wind’s request for an abeyance of the proceedings and of a decision in Case Nos. PU-19-28 and in Case No. PU-19-29. The Order also stated that, within sixty days of completion of the 2021 North Dakota legislative session, Ruso Wind shall advise the Commission whether it will proceed with PU-19-28 and PU-19-29.

Your July 16, 2021 letter requested that the Commission lift the abeyance in Case Nos. PU-19-28 and PU-19-29 and allow proceedings to resume. By its September 22, 2021, Motion, the Commission lifted the abeyance.

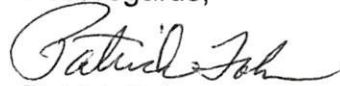
Your July 16, 2021 letter stated that Ruso Wind will provide the Commission with a general update on the status of the Wind Project and associated Transmission Line. The Commission asks that Ruso Wind also supplement its application(s) with an update on the status of an interconnection agreement.

As it has been over a year since the siting applications were filed and over a year since a hearing, and should Ruso Wind request that the Commission proceed with the siting applications in PU-19-28 and PU-19-29, the Commission asks that Ruso Wind supplement its applications with respect to all changes that have occurred regarding the Project and the exclusion, avoidance, selection and policy criteria that guide the Commission in evaluating the site and route suitability.

Also please recall that the Commission must issue a Notice of Hearing for PU-19-29, and publish the Notice in McHenry County newspaper(s).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Fahn".

Patrick Fahn

Director, Public Utilities Division