

October 26, 2021

**VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. Patrick Fahn  
Director, Public Utilities Division  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408  
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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**

Dear Mr. Fahn:

Ruso Wind Partners, LLC (“Ruso Wind”) received your letter dated September 23, 2021 requesting certain information regarding the Ruso Wind Project and associated Transmission Line (collectively, the “Project”). Specifically, per your letter, the Commission has requested an update regarding the status of an interconnection agreement for the Project, and information regarding any changes that have occurred regarding the Project relative to the Commission’s siting criteria.

Ruso Wind is currently planning to submit a request for waiver of the light-mitigating technology requirement to the Commission in November 2021. When Ruso Wind files its waiver request, it also plans to provide the requested information regarding any changes that have occurred relative to the Commission’s siting criteria.

With respect to Project interconnection, on June 23, 2020, Ruso Wind filed a new interconnection request with the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (“MISO”) requesting authorization to interconnect the Project to the grid at the Great River Energy Stanton to McHenry 230 kV transmission line via a newly constructed switching station. The requested

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point of interconnection is the same as was originally proposed for the Project; thus, the proposed Transmission Line corridor and route also remain the same. Currently, the interconnection request is in Definitive Planning Phase (“DPP”) 1, which is scheduled to end November 5, 2021, at which point Ruso Wind’s interconnection request will move into DPP 2. Ruso Wind anticipates that an interconnection agreement will be in place on or around November 10, 2022. Based on initial estimates, the network upgrade costs associated with the current interconnection request are anticipated to be significantly less than MISO’s cost determination for the Project’s prior interconnection request.

Ruso Wind plans to provide any further updates on the interconnection study process with its waiver request. In addition, Ruso Wind plans to coordinate with Commission Staff regarding scheduling a public hearing in McHenry County on the Transmission Line application.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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