

April 22, 2022

VIA E-MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Steven Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**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. Kahl:

In a letter dated December 15, 2021, Ruso Wind Partners, LLC (“Ruso Wind”) notified the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) that it planned to delay filing a light-mitigating technology waiver request and updates for the Ruso Wind Project (“Project”) until the completion of a Mitigation Response Team (“MRT”) process with the Department of Defense (“DoD”) Clearinghouse and the U.S. Air Force. As indicated in the prior letter, the MRT process was requested in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration’s (“FAA”) review of Determination of No Hazard (“DNH”) extension requests submitted by Ruso Wind for the Project in February 2021.

Recently, Commission Staff requested that Ruso Wind provide an update on the status of the MRT process, and Ruso Wind is providing this letter in response to that request. The formal MRT process was initiated in January 2022 and Ruso Wind is in on-going discussions with the DoD Clearinghouse and the U.S. Air Force. At this time, Ruso Wind does not have an estimated completion date for the MRT process, but Ruso Wind will provide a further update once the process is completed.

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mollie M. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

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