

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ashtabula Wind, LLC
Ashtabula Wind Energy Center Repower
Siting Exclusion Certification

Case No. PU-19-284

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **22nd day of August 2019**, she deposited in the United States Mail, at Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:


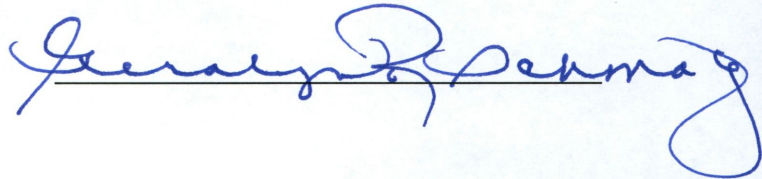
- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

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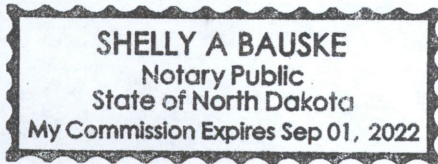
Casey Furey
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PO Box 2798
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Cert. No. 7018 0680 0001 3737 7127

The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **22nd day of August 2019**.



Notary Public



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August 21, 2019

On May 30, 2008, in Case No. PU-08-32, the Commission issued Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 7 to Ashtabula Wind, LLC (Ashtabula) designating a location for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Ashtabula Wind Energy Center (Ashtabula WEC) consisting of 133 wind turbine generators capable of producing up to 200 megawatts (MW) located in Barnes County, North Dakota.

On April 13, 2009, in Case No. PU-09-53, the Commission issued an Order Granting Partial Certificate Transfer for the ownership by Otter Tail Power Company of 48 MW of the nameplate generating capacity, 32 turbines, at the Ashtabula WEC.

Ashtabula is currently authorized to own and operate 148.5 MW nameplate capacity, 101 turbines, at the Ashtabula WEC.

On July 15, 2019, Ashtabula Wind, LLC filed a Certification Relating to § N.D.C.C. 49-22-03(3)(a) stating that it proposes to improve its turbines at the Ashtabula WEC by adding new gearboxes and rotors to 99 turbines. The nameplate generation of the 99 turbines will increase from 148.5 MW to 160.4 MW.

The issues to be considered for an amended certificate of site compatibility are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environmental preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding

and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by September 20, 2019.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota, 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission at least 24 hours in advance.


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