

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Case No. PU-19-284

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY REGULAR AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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, Bismarck, North Dakota, **3** envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed each containing a photocopy of:

- **Notice of Opportunity for Hearing**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

**See attached list**

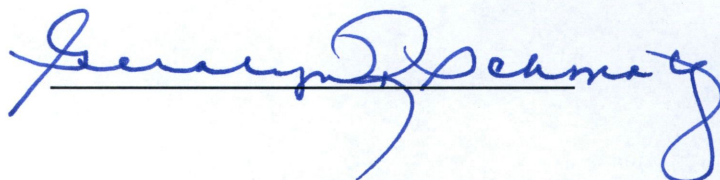
Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **22nd day of August 2019**, she sent an electronic message to **43** addressees, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.


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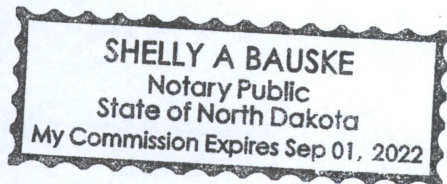
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The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail addresses.

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



  
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

**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

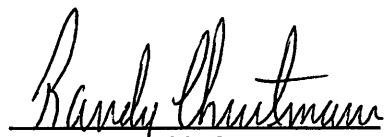
and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by September 20, 2019.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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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