



April 22, 2020

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E Boulevard Avenue#408  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Re: Northern Divide Wind Project  
PSC Docket Number: PU-19-376

Dear North Dakota Public Service Commission,

I write on behalf of the North Dakota Grain Growers Association to share our Association's strong support for NextEra Energy Resources and the Northern Divide Wind project. NextEra Energy Resources has been working in North Dakota for nearly two decades and has a proven track record including their investment of over \$2.7 billion in the state. This investment includes 14 successfully operating wind projects.

Northern Divide Wind will create good-paying jobs – hundreds of construction jobs as well as full-time operational jobs which would add considerably to the local economy. Over the first 30 years, the project is expected to generate approximately \$30 million dollars in additional tax revenue for Burke County. It would put more than \$14 million dollars additional funding into local school, nearly \$1.5 million into fire and ambulance districts, and more than \$10 million dollars of new property tax revenue into the Burke County budget.

Some have questioned what wind turbines will mean for a farming community. Farmers across North Dakota and the country are finding wind turbines are not only compatible with farming operations - they're an important asset. Wind turbines take up very little land and they harvest the wind to create clean energy, as well as payments for landowners and economic growth for the entire community.

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Therefore, the North Dakota Grain Growers Association is in full support of the Northern Divide Wind project. It will have a positive impact on Burke County, North Dakota agriculture and will generate clean, home-grown energy for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Haugen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dennis Haugen  
President  
North Dakota Grain Growers Association