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In January I went Minneapolis and pick up my sister and drove to Phoenix and once we got to Iowa we started to many wind tower?s . All the way to Phoenix we saw thousand?s of these towers, I would assume these states are all wrong and ND is right? I cant see why the resistance to this new technology? I would like to see this project given the nod to proceed.

Thank you
Alvin J Holmen

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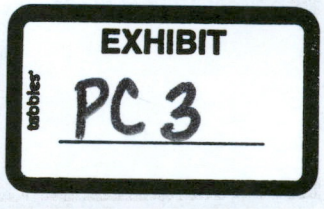

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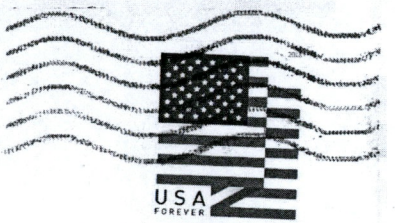

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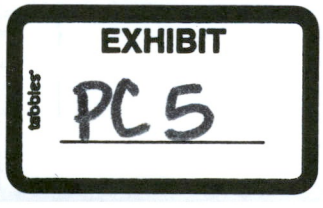
North Dakota Public Service Commission,

My name is Brooke Watterud. I live in Columbus, North Dakota and I am originally from Bowbells, North Dakota. My husband and I along with our two-year-old daughter and five-year-old chocolate lab are expecting our second child at the beginning of October. I am proudly employed by Burke-Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc. as the Office Manager. I am writing to you today to express my support for the approval of the NextEra Windfarm proposed for Burke County. I have heard a lot of negative opinions from the community members about the windfarm project; however, their negativity has not swayed me and my positive opinion of the proposed project. With all change in life, there will always be positives and negatives, pros and cons, good and bad. I strongly believe that the positive opportunities of the proposed windfarm project greatly outweigh the negative impacts. I believe that Burke County has been given an outstanding opportunity by being chosen by NextEra to develop a windfarm. I believe we need to embrace this opportunity and I sincerely hope that you take my opinions into account when making your final decision.

If the project is approved, the opportunities for our local communities are wide-ranging. Our local businesses including but not limited to restaurants, grocery stores, gas stations, bars, and hotels will see an obvious increase in sales during the construction phase of the project. I understand that this will only be temporary, but a temporary increase in revenue is still an excellent opportunity for our local businesses! I believe all our local communities have felt the impacts of the slowdown in the oil industry in Burke County; the construction of the windfarm would be a welcome influx after the most recent periods of reduction in our local economies. After the construction is complete, the windfarm will provide stable, reputable careers in the energy industry. With the additional jobs available in the county, our communities may be able to attract new families to the area. When new people migrate to our county for careers, they will likely purchase homes for their spouses and children. The homeowners in our communities might be able to take advantage of this opportunity and sell their homes to new families. Schools could see an increase in enrollment with the new families that will move to the area. In addition to new members to our communities, the careers that will be available within the windfarm may help retain young locals who want to start their own families in the communities that they already call home.

The landowners who have been approached by NextEra have been given an excellent opportunity and they should be able to embrace the opportunity. I don't believe it is right for me or anyone else to try to decide what a landowner can or can not do with their own property. I can't tell my neighbors what color to paint their home or what vegetables should be planted in their garden. If my neighbor wants a neon green house, it is their right as the property owner to paint their house neon green. If my neighbor wants to plant only pumpkins and no strawberries, it is their right as the property owner to plant only pumpkins. If a landowner is given an opportunity for additional, long-term income, they should be able to decide for themselves if they want to accept the offer. We do have beautiful countryside in our county; I will not disagree with that. However, if the landowner chooses to allow construction of a wind turbine on their property, that is their personal choice. I strongly believe that many of the landowners will greatly benefit financially from their opportunity to participate in the windfarm. They should be able to capitalize on their opportunity.

One of the biggest opportunities that would result from the windfarm project is the significant increase in the yearly taxes that the project would provide. All the citizens of Burke County would



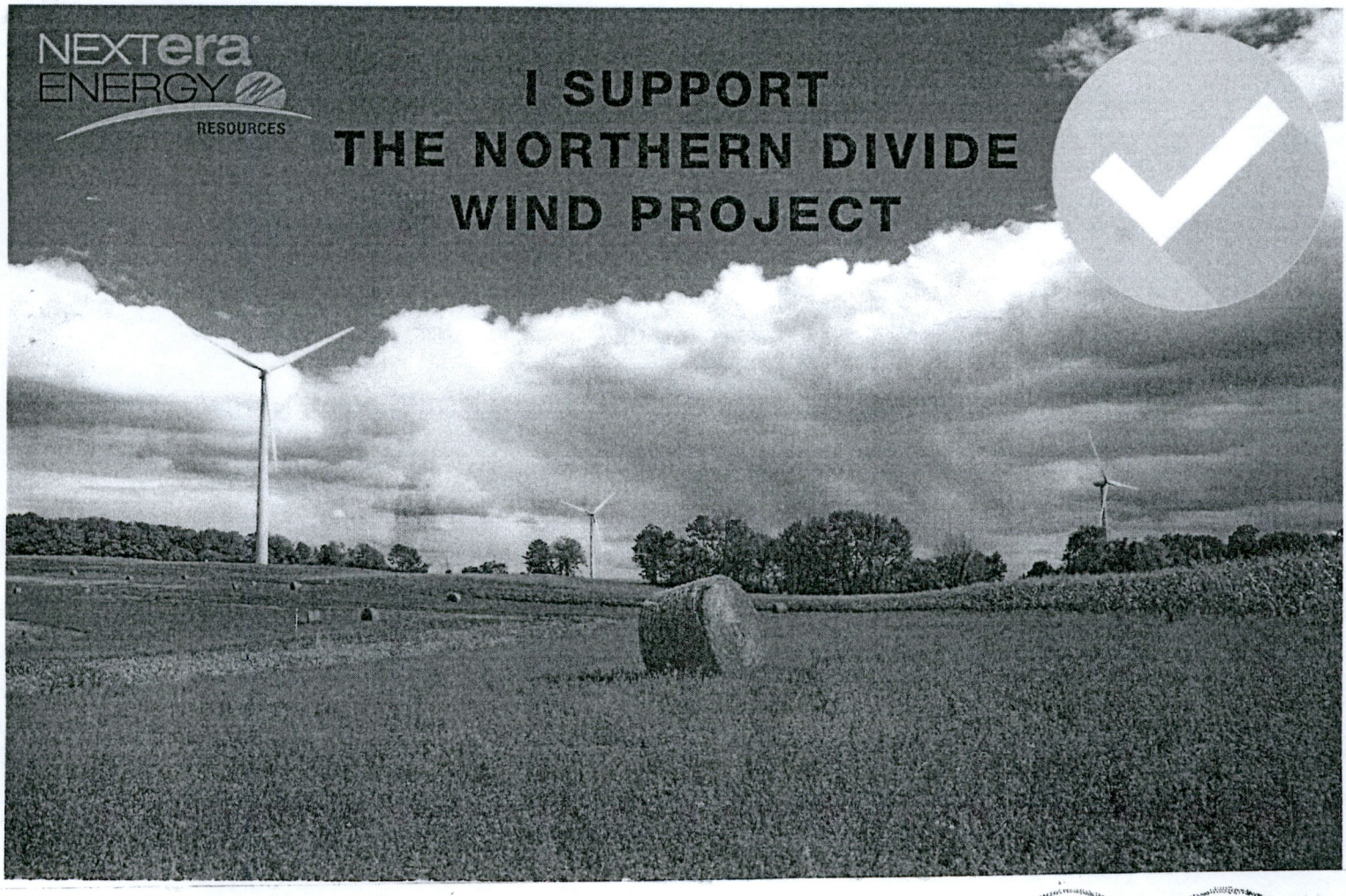
benefit from the additional tax base that would be injected into our hometowns, schools, roads, etc. I feel we have been presented with an excellent opportunity to greatly improve our communities with the additional tax monies. Growing up in Bowbells and now living in Columbus, it makes me sad to say that I have not noticed significant improvements to our county. Improvements have been few and far between over the last 15 years, but we also haven't been presented with any opportunities like we are today with the windfarm. This opportunity could provide substantial change to improve the local communities in our county.

Burke County has also been presented with an awesome opportunity to make an impact in the electric industry. Working as a business professional in the electric industry, I truly believe that a diversified power generation portfolio is one of the best ways for us to ensure we are providing low cost, reliable electricity. The goal of power generation is to use a diversified portfolio to provide electricity 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With the potential of a windfarm in Burke County, we would be able to be a part of power generation; we would be contributing power to the entire electric grid! I have heard negative comments about how the wind turbines can not store energy for future use, but I don't think that is a good enough reason to not support the generation of power in our home county. Power generation isn't solely focused on storing electricity for future use; power generation is a complicated business where energy is made and used in a coordinated effort with the people's demands. As wind energy is further advanced, I believe the industry will develop a way to store the energy generated on wind farms. Burke County could be the location where electric professionals engineer a long-term solution to storing wind energy! We have an opportunity to make a real difference in the renewable energy industry!

My home, Burke County, is a great place to live and work, but I fear that opportunities for further development are limited. A vote to approve the NextEra Windfarm project will have a significant, positive impact on the future of Burke County. We have been given an opportunity that will provide significant benefits for all of the residents and communities of Burke County. I hope that we can embrace this opportunity.

Respectfully yours,

Brooke Watterud



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Our Community needs the jobs & the income from this project along with the tax base to keep our schools-medical facilities & business going in a down ag-Community

Sincerely,

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Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 4:34 PM
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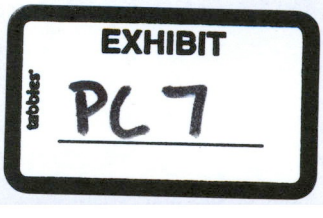

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Mr. Quigley,

Thank you for submitting comments to the Public Service Commission regarding the application for the Northern Divide Wind Project. We appreciate your interest in this case and we will place your comments in the public input file. Because this is an open case, the Commissioners cannot communicate directly with an interested party as it would be considered *ex parte* communication, which is prohibited.

It is important to note that because this is a formal case before the commission, both written and verbal comments submitted to the commission, including comments made at public input sessions, are not part of the formal evidentiary record on which the decision must be based. However, the comments that are not part of the formal record may form the basis for investigation resulting in testimony that becomes part of the formal record. Comments become part of the formal record when they are made or submitted at a formal or technical hearing, where they must be made under oath and subject to cross-examination.

The public hearing for this case has not been scheduled yet. You can check back with our office at any time for an update. You are encouraged to attend the public hearing and share your comments at that time in order for your comments to be included in the formal record.

If you need more information or are interested in intervening in a case, please contact our office or visit our website, www.psc.nd.gov for more information. You can find information about this case, including the company's application and any testimony that has been filed, on the commission's website (link available under "hot topics" case #PU-19-376).

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I am writing this letter to share my 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. They have invested over $2.7 billion in the state, including 14 successfully operating wind projects.

Northern Divide Wind will create good-paying jobs – hundreds of construction jobs as well as full-time operational jobs. It would add considerably to the local economy. Over the first 30 years, it's 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.

I support the Northern Divide Wind project. It will have a positive impact on Burke County and will generate clean, home-grown energy for years to come.

Sincerely,

Rick Lindblad
Superintendent-Principal
Burke Central

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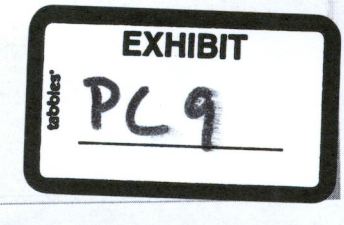

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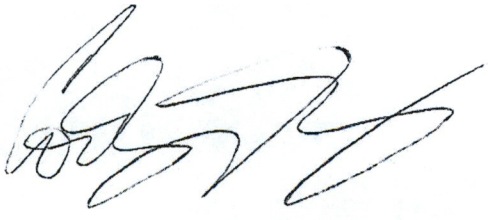

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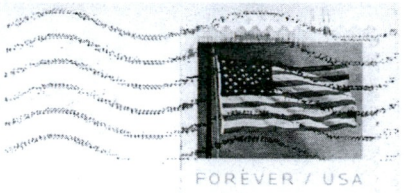

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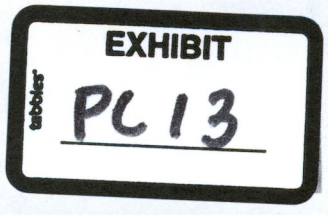

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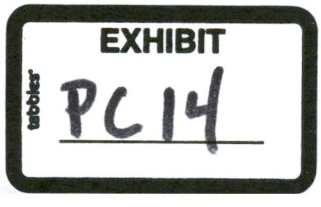

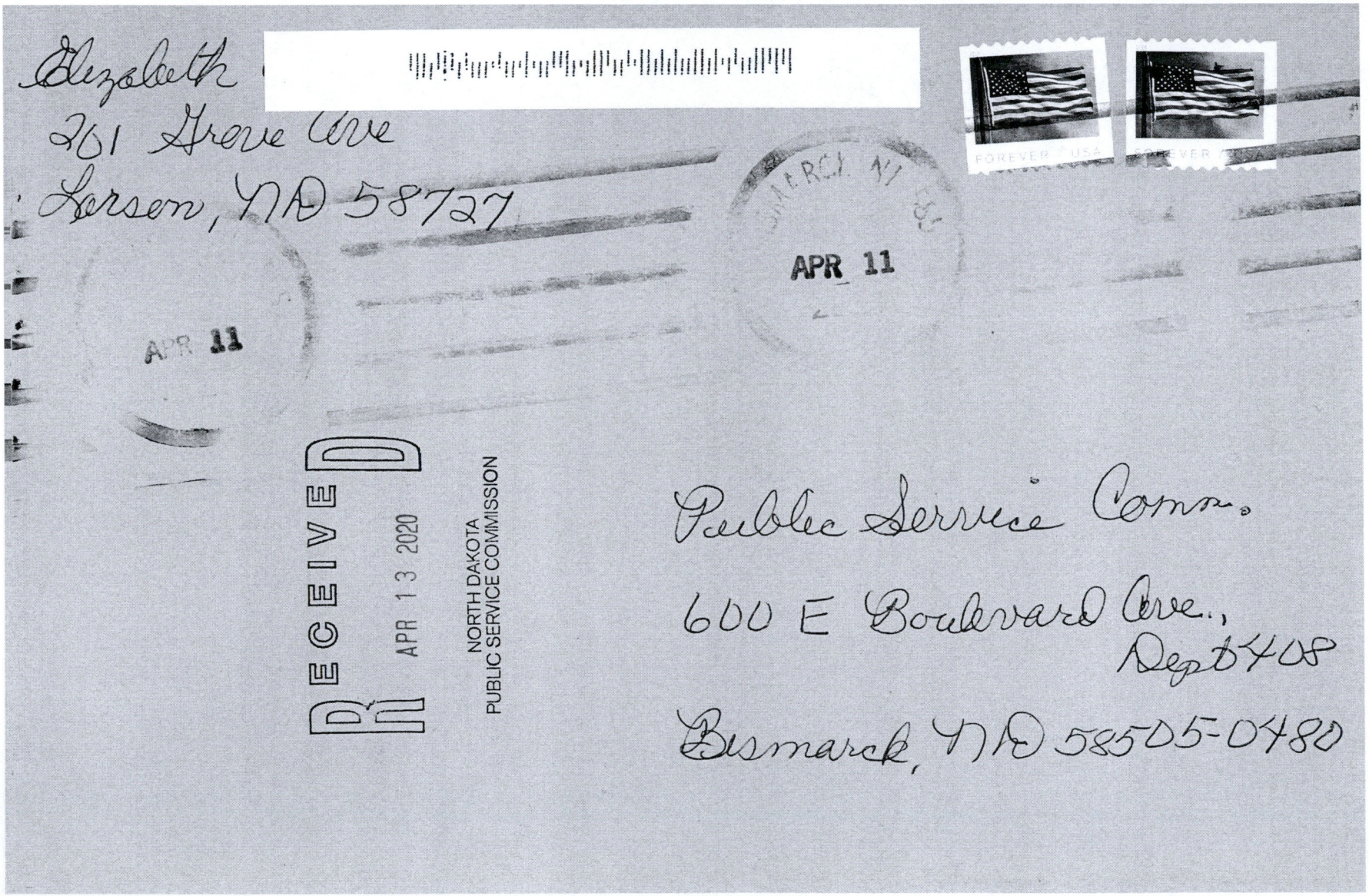
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Subject: FW: Wind has grown significantly in the last decade, growing from 1,000 Mw in 2007 to 3,600 Mw today

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Date: April 4, 2020 at 2:44:01 AM CDT
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HM Johnston
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April 4, 2020

Dear Julie Fedorchak,

With growing energy needs in the Bakken, the Northern Divide Wind development was formed. Northern Divide Wind will generate 200 megawatts of power when completed and has a secure position on the transmission grid.

Wind has grown significantly in the last decade, growing from 1,000 Mw in 2007 to 3,600 Mw today. (Coal generates about 4,000 Mw).

Much of that power has gone to northwestern North Dakota to power the Bakken oil development and recent studies suggest that North Dakota will need hundreds of megawatts of new electricity in the next decade, much of it for oil wells.

Wind is likely to provide a substantial part of that demand, so the PSC should continue to support wind development in North Dakota.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
HM Johnston

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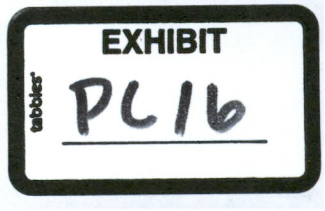

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Re: Northern Divide Wind wind project; Case #: PU-19-376

Dear Commissioners,
As an elected official of Burke County, North Dakota I want to express my support for the Northern Divide Wind project proposed for Burke County. We approved this project unanimously (and with a recommendation for approval from our planning and zoning board) in November 2019.

I would like you to know why I support the project. It represents numerous benefits for our rural county. It will be a $400 million investment to our area, that includes construction jobs and also some permanent local jobs. It will pay about $1 million annually in property taxes to the County and other taxing jurisdictions. It will pay about $1 million annually in lease payments to Burke County landowners, who have chosen to lease their private property for this energy source. Burke County is not likely to see this level of investment in our county anytime soon.

The project has also been redesigned based upon comments from North Dakota Game and Fish and others regarding wildlife concerns. As I understand Northern Divide Wind has worked with the NDGF to address the concerns, and that it has been reduced in size by about 50%. 44 turbines have been relocated, including 11 that were of concern to Game and Fish, and none of them are now on native prairie. In fact, all of the project footprint is on cropland except 7%, (which is on native prairie).

The developer has told us that they will continue to work with NDGF and the US Fish and Wildlife agencies regarding whooping cranes and habitat fragmentation concerns and ways they can mitigate those concerns. In any event, I believe they have gone to great lengths to modify the project and address many of the concerns raised last year, that caused you to reject the original proposal. With everything that is happening in the world today we could use some economic activity in Burke County. I support the project and ask that you give it your approval also.

Sincerely,

Jarret Van Berkom
Burke County Commissioner

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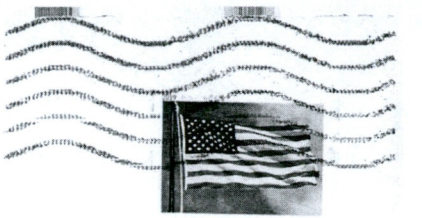

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Commissioners,

I'm writing to ask you to approve the Northern Divide Wind site.

In the uncertain times of the moment, the steady nature of a career as a wind technician has an undeniable attractiveness.

While the regulatory approval of this site turns on environmental matters it is worth some of your time to consider the value of wind jobs to families living in rural communities such as Bowbells.

Wind Energy Technician jobs come with good salaries, health insurance, retirement plans, vacations and sick leave.

Wind jobs provide a way for local men and women to remain active in the family farm or ranch and to grow and support new families.

Income from these positions bring an economic stability to the individual, families and to the communities in which they live.

I'll go so far as to predict that the wind technician jobs tied to the approval of this project will become some of the most coveted careers in the community.

For these reasons I'm writing to encourage the Commission's approval of this project.

Sincerely,
Jay R Johnson

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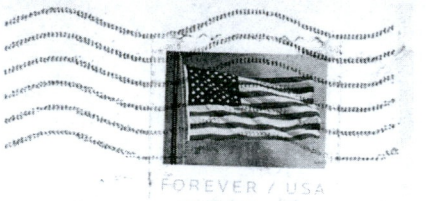

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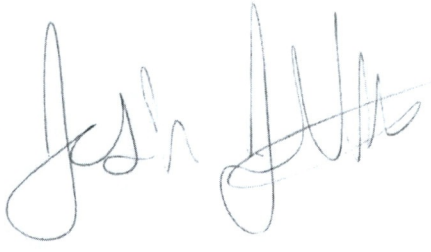

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I SUPPORT THE NORTHERN DIVIDE WIND & TRANSMISSION PROJECTS. THEY ARE GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

I support the wind projects as it will bring a lot of revenue to the State by hiring workers for jobs and in turn they will support our local businesses. Also the income received from the turbines will help the farmers as the price of farming is extremely high and the price of grain is so low!

Sincerely,

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Eberl, Stacy L.

From: -Info-Public Service Commission
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Eberl, Stacy L.
Subject: FW: Internet Hearing

From: Kathy and Doug Beard <dkbeard@nccray.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:06 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Internet Hearing

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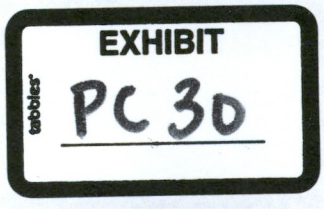
Burke County is far, far from being anywhere close to being tech savvy. You need to take this very serious as you plan on holding this meeting on April 17th.
In my experience in trying to reach the residents of Burke County, I have found that a lot of people don't have an email, can't text, a lot don't even have computers! It has been very frustrating
trying to contact Burke County residents to inform them of the April 17th meeting. Also, when it comes to cell phones, some do not even have them and if they do, they have flip phones.
I sincerely think that having this meeting is a huge injustice to the residents of Burke County. Please reconsider changing the date of the meeting, so it can be a fair public meeting where
residents can show up and you can have 100% participation! I can not stress this enough!
If you think you have to have this meeting, then open it to the public, because there are enough residents that would show up because we strongly feel that we need to be heard in person.
I for one am not going to let this pandemic from letting me attend a public meeting.



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From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Eberl, Stacy L.
Subject: FW: ND Public Service Commission - Northern Divide Wind Project - Upcoming Hearing Information - Please See Attached

From: Kathy Beard <dkbeard@nccray.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 8:23 PM
To: Bauske, Shelly A. <sbauske@nd.gov>
Subject: Re: ND Public Service Commission - Northern Divide Wind Project - Upcoming Hearing Information - Please See Attached

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If you think you are going to held the meeting as you have suggested, you have another thing coming. Our internet service is sporadic at best. I believe we, as the people of Burke County, deserve our due process and wait until this pandemic has passed! This is absolutely ridiculous that you think this is the way the meeting should be run. And if you only knew the people in this county that do not have email much less know how to operate a computer, I believe you are doing our county a huge injustice. Please reconsider postponing this meeting until we are able to have this as a public meeting.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 9, 2020, at 5:19 PM, Bauske, Shelly A. <sbauske@nd.gov> wrote:

Shelly Bauske
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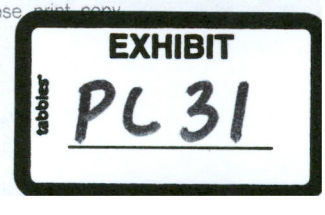

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April 7, 2020

North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave Ste. 408
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Re: PU-19-376

To whom it may concern,

The Divide County Job Development Authority would like to extend its support for the Northern Divide Wind Project PU-19-136. Although the project in not located directly in Divide County, it is closely adjacent to the county border. We believe this project to be an economic opportunity to help fill the many vacant housing and lodging facilities within Divide County through both the construction and permanent phases of the project. This project is a great opportunity to provide additional good paying, permanent jobs, offering an easy commute for employees while their family members reside in Divide County. This project will also help to increase our local taxable sales and increase property taxes to our Divide County School District (as part of their district falls within the project area).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

KayCee Lindsey
Executive Director

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Kenmare
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To: North Dakota Public Service Commission

Letter of Support for Northern Divide Wind Project

4-6-20 * Submitted for the record April 23, 2020

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Kenmare, being in close proximity to Burke County, will benefit from the positive economics of construction jobs for the project, as well as employment for long-term operations.

In addition, Kenmare has an abundance of housing options for short-term or long-term needs.

With the emphasis in the nation for developing renewable sources of energy, this project makes sense for the region, and for North Dakota.

NextEra Energy is well established in North Dakota, with a proven record of responsible performance for over two decades.

KCDC is a shareholder corporation which owns several commercial properties in Kenmare. Consisting primarily of office and retail storefronts, these commercial properties are currently leased to 13 separate retail stores, professional offices, and other community organizations. KCDC also owns and operates a 12-unit apartment complex in Kenmare.

We have space for more business development, as well as room for more housing tenants at our facilities and others in the community.

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Sincerely,

Terry Froseth, president

Kenmare Community Development Corporation

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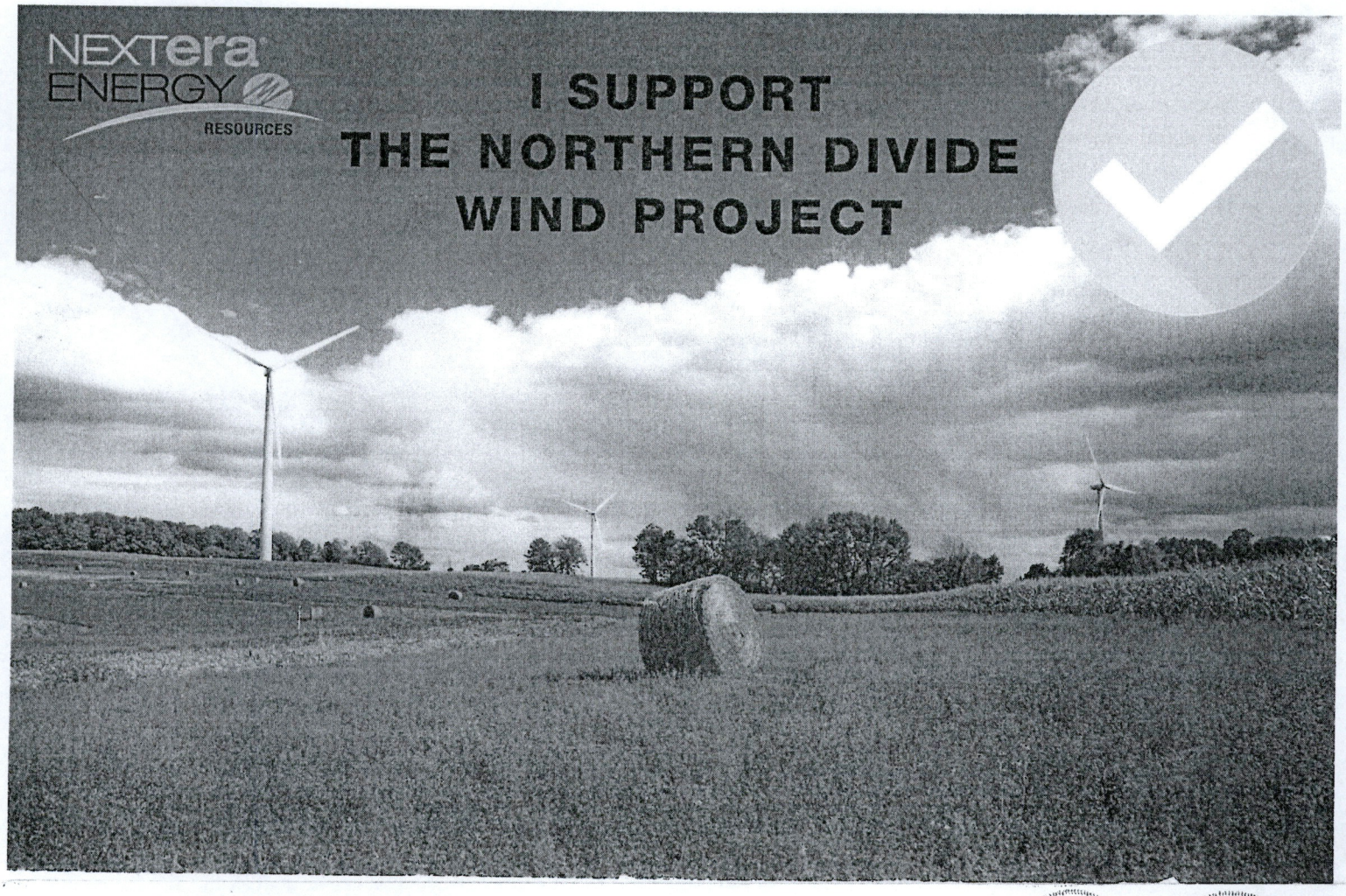

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They help provide employment. Tax base to help our community. I do not beleive anyone has the right to tell me what to do on my land.

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Attn: Mr. Steve Kahl
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
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Sincerely,

Name Kenneth Kulstad

Address 9220 County RD 16

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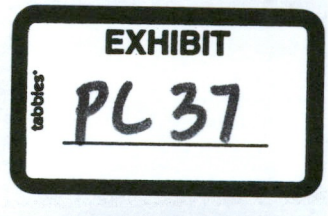

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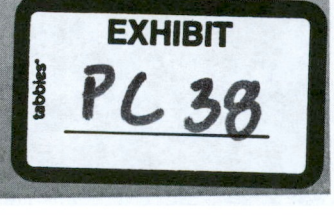

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Laura Burau- Land owner
9981 98th Street NW
Columbus, North Dakota

Laura Burau

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Eberl, Stacy L.

From: -Info-Public Service Commission
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:05 PM
To: Eberl, Stacy L.
Subject: FW: online meeting for Northern Divide wind project on April 17, 2020

From: fourkcorral@nccray.com <fourkcorral@nccray.com>
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Commissioner Kroshus, Commissioner Fedorchak, and Commissioner Christmann:

I understand that the PSC is considering having an online meeting for the Northern Divide wind project hearing on April 17, 2020 instead of meeting in the Bowbells Memorial Hall due to the COVID19 threat. I do not think that this is the best way to hear the concerns of North Dakota citizens. This meeting should be postponed until June or July or whenever this COVID19 issue is over so there can be an actual meeting in Bowbells. These are some of the points that need to be taken into consideration.

1. Not all the people interested in this project have computers in their homes and if they do have computers, some may not have Internet connections.
2. During this unusual time, Internet usage will be heavier than normal and so the Internet connections may be lost during the meeting.
3. The attention of the people is not going to be as focused as it would be if the people were gathered in the same room to listen to the information. In the homes, there will be interruptions such as the needs of other people in the households, phones ringing, possible visitors stopping by, etc. during the hours of the meeting.
4. Online meetings do not do justice to the dynamics and inflections of face to face meetings. There is more to communication than just sitting at the computer listening or talking. Just having a large number of people in the same room gives input and weight to the importance of this issue and that it is not to be treated casually.
5. Some people that would like to attend may actually be sick from the COVID19 so they will not be able to participate. If the meeting was held in Bowbells at a later date, then they would be able to attend when the COVID19 is over and they are well and social distancing is not needed.
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Please reconsider and postpone this meeting for a later date when we all can meet together in one room to listen and to speak.

Thank you,

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Linda Kimball
Noonan, ND
Landowner in Burke Co. (Fay and Leaf Mountain Townships)

I SUPPORT THE NORTHERN DIVIDE WIND & TRANSMISSION PROJECTS. THEY ARE GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

Please approve.

Sincerely, Lisa Watters

Name Lisa Watters

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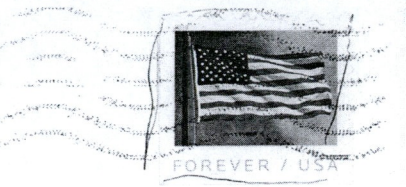

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Northern Divide Wind, LLC – Wind Farm Site Application, PSC Docket No. PU-19-376
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Respectfully,
Liz Casteel

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Sunday, April 12

To whom it may concern,

I am a proud member of the Coteau Preservation Alliance and I am writing to express my opposition to the Divide Wind Project hearing being held on line.

It has come to our attention that the N.D.PSC is considering holding + has confirmed that the hearing will be held on-line. You in the PSC are really putting N.D. + especially Burke Co. residents at a real disadvantage.

Numerous other meetings + even an election has been postponed. This hearing should also be postponed until a time that the restrictions are lifted.

A significant percentage of potentially effected landowners + residents are elderly, myself included, + are not very tech savvy.

I also know from listening to the news that online hearings are subject to possible outages and/or interruptions of services. In fact this may be very likely to happen.

This hearing should be conducted just as the last public hearing concerning a wind farm in Burke Co. - a live public hearing in

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Burke Co.

Every PSC hearing up to this point has been held in person in the locality of the proposed project. Is there a legal reason this hearing cannot be postponed to a later date?

I have & will underline the word public several times. Have you ever looked it up in a dictionary - please do - Consider what it means in the light of this online hearing!

In a PSC public hearing, the actual emotion of the person testifying is a powerful influence to be considered This would be very difficult to assimilate in an on line hearing.

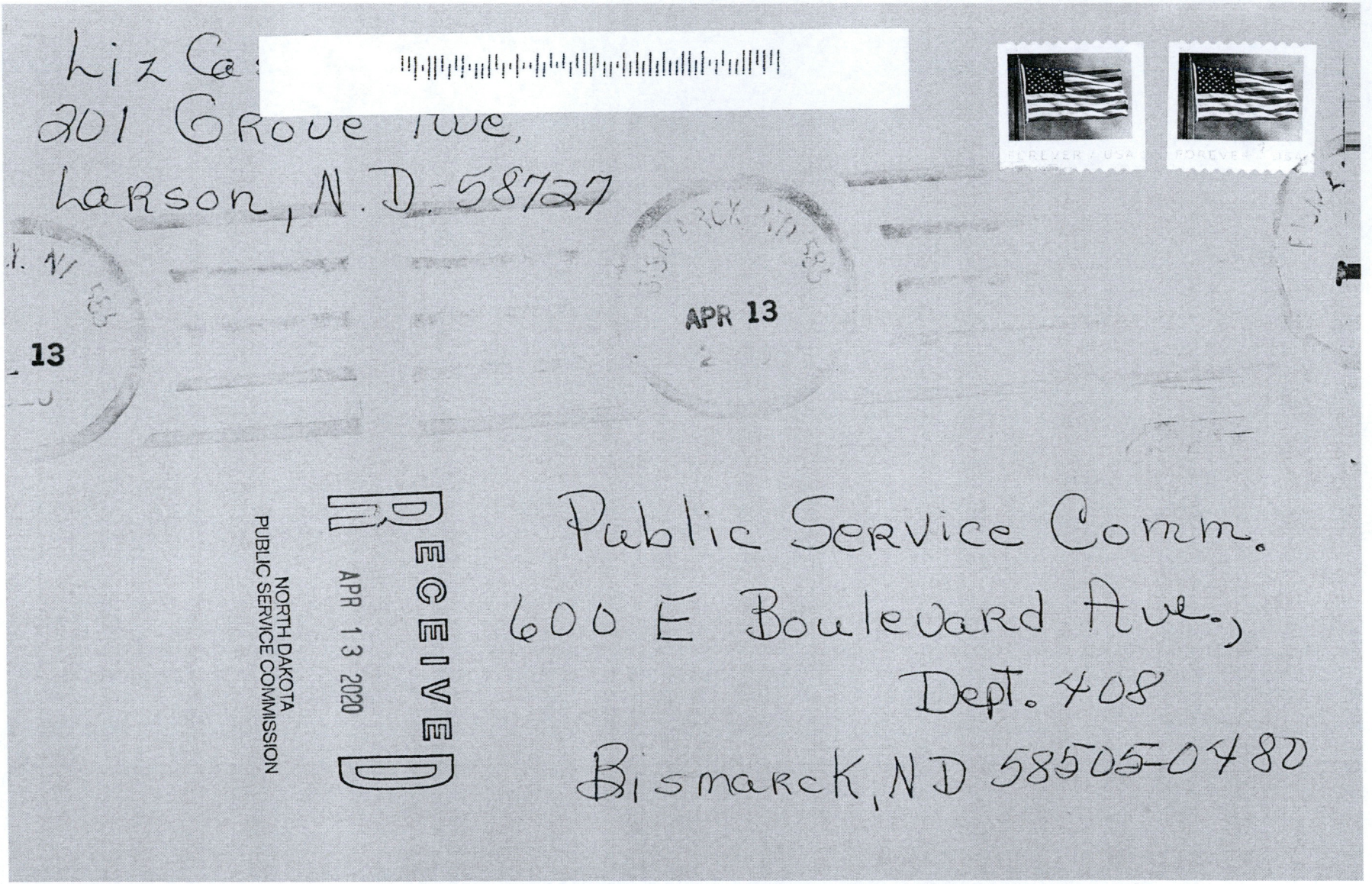
In my thinking the NDPSC should represent the citizens they have been elected by rather than Next Era whose so anxious to get their project started.

It has been indicated that they want to begin their project May 1. We definitely do not want an influx of workers coming here in the midst of this pandemic.

Our NDPSC should rally & stand by / along with Burke Co. residents who want a public hearing. Consider your constituents here rather than Next Era

In summary, we respectfully ask you that you reconsider your decision to hold an online hearing on this proposed project & wait until the restrictions on public gatherings have been lifted to re-schedule the hearing in Burke Co.

Thank you,
Liz Casteel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Respectfully,
Lori Edwards

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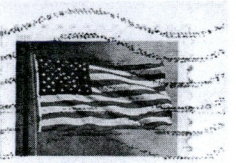

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I SUPPORT THE NORTHERN DIVIDE WIND & TRANSMISSION PROJECTS. THEY ARE GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

We continue to support the ~~Burke~~ Northern Divide Wind Project for environmental reasons and jobs for our people. We hope this can be up and running soon!

Sincerely,

Name Lorna Carlson (Kevin)

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There is talk that the Coal Mine South of Estevan will be Closing. There is a Power Line that delivers electricity to Basin Power. What will our State do without Coal power? Also talk of Mine Closing in N.D. Please approve the wind Farm.

Sincerely,

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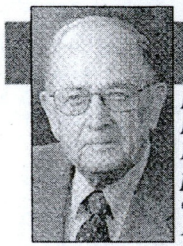
LOCAL OPINION

Lowering the coal industry down gently



Lloyd Omdahl

Lloyd Omdahl is a former lieutenant governor of North Dakota and former political science professor at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

In 25 years, the North Dakota coal industry will be gone.

By 2050, the evidence of earth warming will be so strong that the naysayers and deniers will be forced to surrender the untenable position that they have adopted today.

As polar ice melts into the oceans, gobbling up the coastlines along our borders, earth warming will be acknowledged when millions of feet get wet on the coasts. To the discerning, the behavior of the weather already suggests that something in nature is awry.

Young People Moving In

Another major reason for this prediction is based on the movement of young people into policymaking authority - and they will not tolerate a continued denial of facts about earth warming.

According to a Gallup Poll earlier in March, the age group of 18-29 was concerned believers in earth warming. When they get to be the Congress, legislators and executives, they will bring a whole new attitude to the issue.

Those concerned about earth warming in the older age groups were around 20 points below the young group and those are the categories still unconvinced or skeptical.

More College Degrees

Another factor working against those defending earth warming will be the increase the number of college and post graduate people in the populace where concern about earth warming is high.

A Yale poll found that a majority of citizens now understand that they have a personal stake in checking pollution.

In a little over a decade half of the nation's 530 coal-fired plants have been closed. As Belshazzar said "the hand writing is on the wall."

North Dakota has a big stake in the future of the coal industry. Our five coal companies produced over 27 million tons for generation in seven lignite-fired power plants in 2019. The industry pays good wages and yields taxes for state and local governments. The economic benefits are well spread.

Different Environment

These have been good arguments to defend the industry in the past but the environment for future decisions will be different with constituents actually seeing the consequences and the opinions of a new generation of policymakers.

It is important that the state demonstrate foresight on the basis of the inevitable. Right now, we have all sorts of proposals for spending the $6 billion Legacy Fund, most of which would do nothing for a legacy, e.g. tax cut proposals in a state with an embarrassingly low tax.

Other states are already planning ahead for the gradual closure of coal-fired generators.

Other States

According to Stateline, a news source about state and local governments, the owners of the Centralia Coal Plant between Portland and Seattle have met with the stakeholders (union, local governments, company executives) to hammer out a money deal.

The owners, Canada-based TransAlta, gave Centralia a decade to plan closure and $55 million for economic development, displaced workers, energy technology and energy efficiency. They will convert to wind and solar.

Colorado has opened a "Just Transition" office to support communities losing power plants. New Mexico is making closure plans by allowing plants to refinance debt payments and raise power rates.

ND's Good Position

With the $6 billion Legacy money, North Dakota should be well positioned to protect the employees financially and render harmless any negative effects on nearby communities. Because plant closures are inevitable in the next couple of decades, the conversion need not be the wild rush at the close of a legislative session.

Success will be determined by the amount of foresight that can be mustered in a constantly changing political system.

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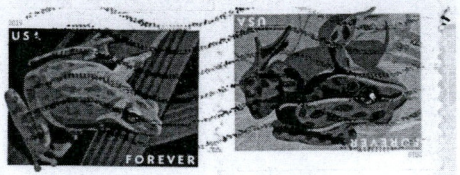

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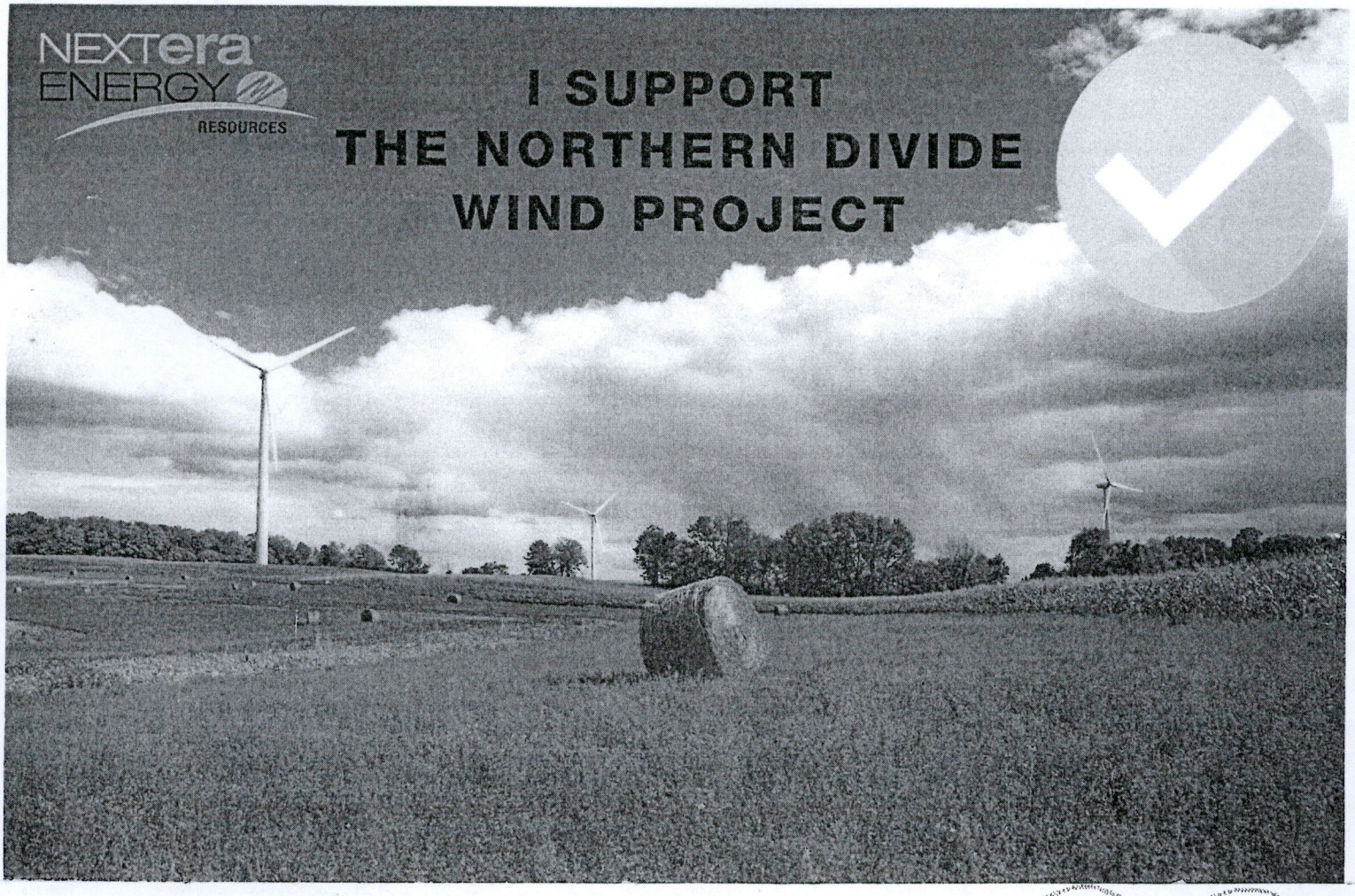

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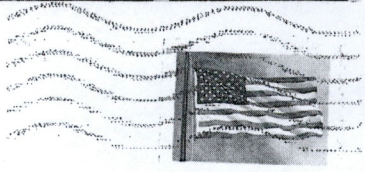

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They provide jobs.
They provide taxes.
They provide energy.
They provide new residents.
There isn't anything that I know of bad for the community.

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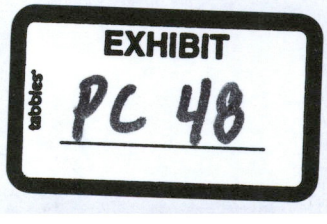

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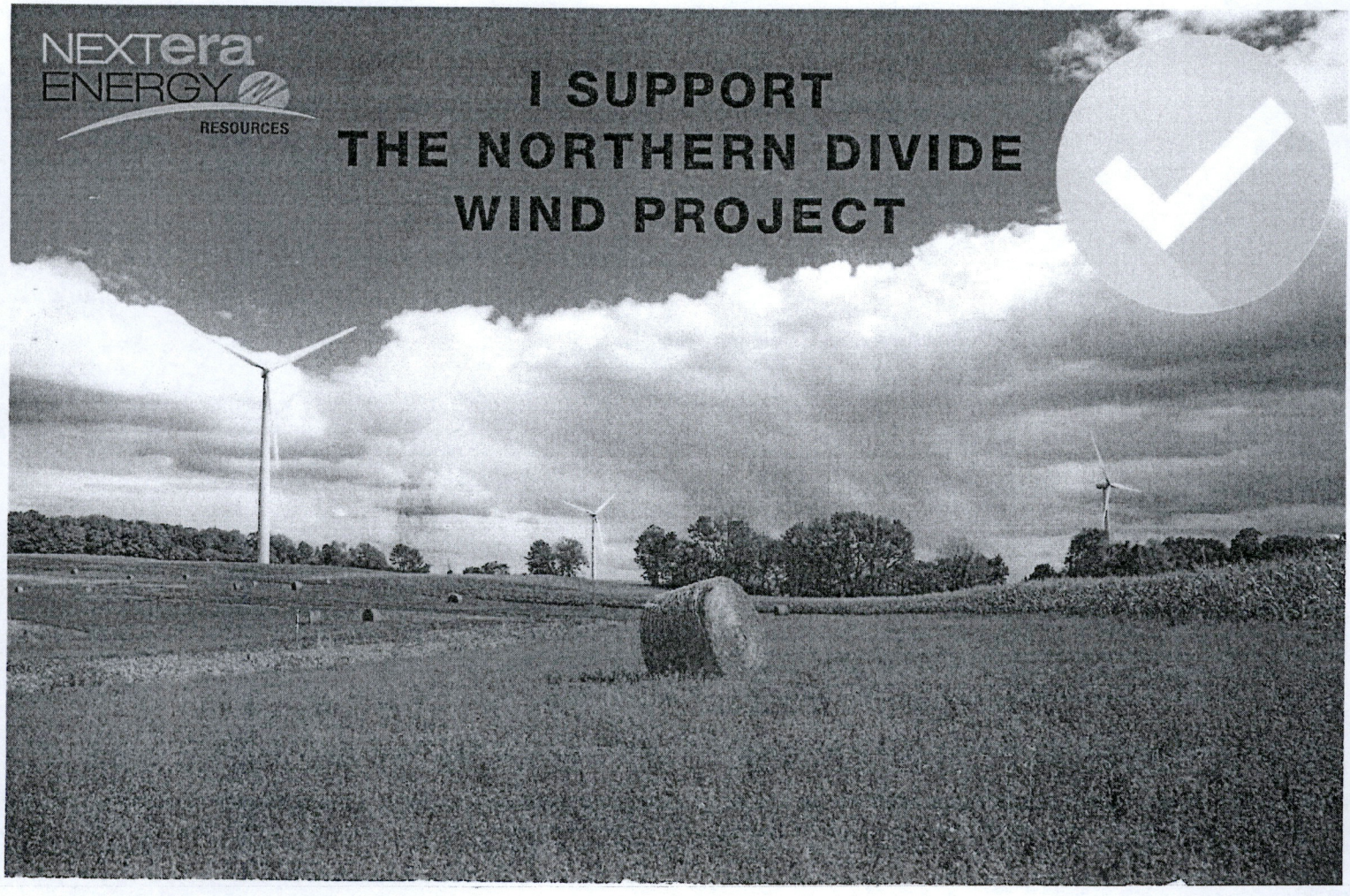
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We are in favor of the Wind Farm project. For farmers extra income is alway welcome.
We think the majority should win & it sounds as tho lots of people are in favor of it.

Sincerely, Maxine M Priebe

Name Maine Priebe

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Rosemount, Man. 55068

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Grain Growers Association

March 27, 2020

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

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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"You Raise; We Represent"

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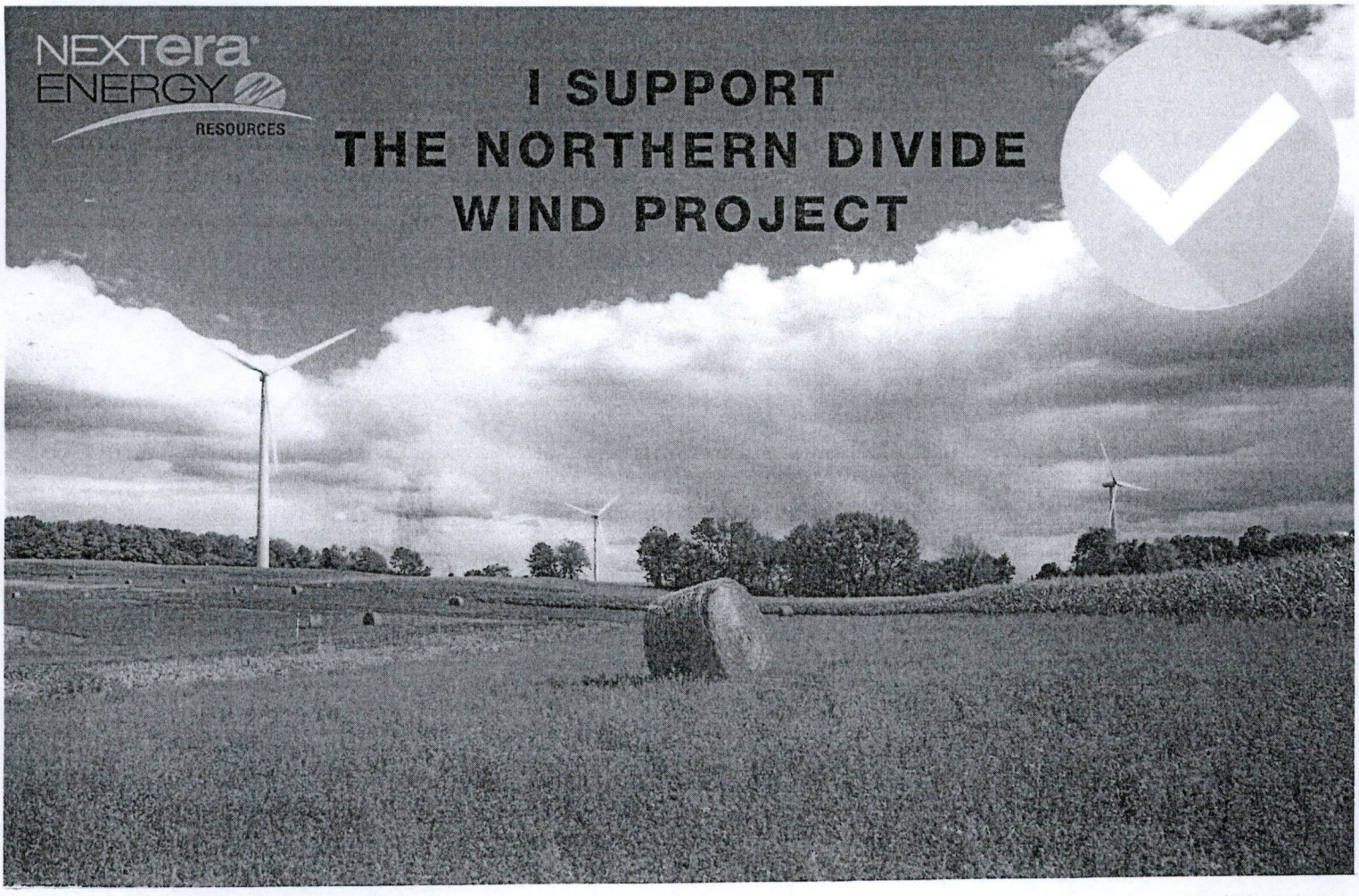
Therefore, the North Dakota Grain Growers Association is in full support of the Northern Divide Wind project. It will have a positive impact on Burke County, North Dakota agriculture and will generate clean, home-grown energy for years to come.

Sincerely,

Dennis Haugen

Dennis Haugen
President
North Dakota Grain Growers Association



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renewable clean energy
tax revenue for Schools
jobs - local people
income for young
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Sincerely,

Name Owen & Linda Engel

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Members of the ND Public Service Commission.

This letter is in opposition to the Northern Divide Wind Project in Burke County, Bowbells ND.

I wish to enter this letter into the record, in opposition to this wind farm.

The state of ND has entirely too many "wind farms" in the state that are competing with the coal plants, unfairly I might add....

Wind doesn't offer on going jobs to the state or nation for that matter, once a wind farm is built, and the transmission line is in, that is it, there is no further need for "manpower" to keep the wind farm running. Some say that is a good thing because the wind farms are "Self Functioning" and "just run"...they do "just run", when they are properly simulated to run. The wind has to be at a certain wind speed, the weather has to be above a certain temperature, and the mechanics of the wind mill have to be in operable condition in order for the wind farm to produce electrons. They are extremely unreliable. And they cost the rate payer for all the infrastructure again for something they have already paid for...such as the power industry.

Counter this to Coal Facilities...I have been in the supply chain for a 5 state area supplying too power and heavy industrial plants for 37 years, supplying engineered services and products, and have been witness to the operation of a coal fired plant.
-They are clean,
-they need manpower to operate them,
-people live in the towns and cities that surround these plants

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-schools thrive financially and population wise because people live in the communities that operate these plants (more than ½ the kids in our schools in these communities will go away if we do not have coal fired plants)
-in the areas that plants are in operation, the median income is the highest in the state on an average to the rest of the state
-communities thrive, that means restaurants, hardware stores, gas stations, appliance dealerships, simply; communities thrive....
-plants produce jobs for 3-4 generations of workers, 50-60 years!!...engineers, operators, suppliers, from all over the world, labor pools, unions, etc.
-We have 800 years of unmonetized coal in our state...let me repeat, UNMONITIZED coal...this alone supplies great jobs for our kids, grandkids and their kids...period, let alone the supplier/contractors that support these facilities. Why strand these assets as well and strand people?

I could (and should) go on and on...

Wind, solar and other so called "green" forms of generation actually COST the rate payer, not save the rate payer money...the rate payer are not only paying for new construction, they aren't recouping (realizing full potential) of the now stranded assets they have already paid for in the local plant...they have to pay for the construction of the new facility, pay again in the Federal PTC program for what they already paid for in the perfectly running power plant sitting right outside their door. In essence the rate payer is paying multiple times for the same electron...and for no reason...the plant that is producing low cost electrons is already paid for by the rate payer.

...the PCS actually approves the rate payers cost increase by approving wind farms...let's look at how this is the case...

-The rate payer paid for or is paying for the "brick & mortar" that built the plant supplying their power.
-the rate payer is also providing a tax incentive to the wind market in the form of the PTC, and other credits that also comes out of the rate payers pocket, such as 48A 45Q, resiliency, etc.

Please vote no on the Northern Divide Wind Project.

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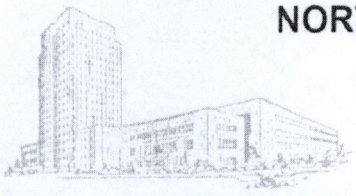

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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Re: Northern Divide Wind LLC
200 MW Northern Divide Wind
Energy Center - Burke
Case #PU-19-376

Northern Divide Wind LLC
345 KV Transmission Line - Burke & Mountrail
Case #PU-19-377

Dear Commissioners:

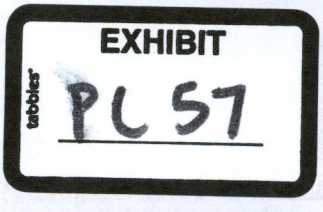
I am writing this letter to share my support for NextEra Energy Resources (NEXT) and their Northern Divide Winds LLC project. NEXT has been working with landowners and various State agencies to develop a project meeting their needs and requirements. NEXT has invested heavily in the State and are operating 15 successful wind projects. NEXT's investment in this project will provide an important part of the State's complete energy policy of having a variety of energy producing sources including coal, oil.

Questions have been raised regarding the impact of wind towers on the farming community. Lessons have been learned from the 14 wind projects NEXT has been involved in and have been incorporated in the planning of this project. This project will provide an opportunity for participating landowners to receive a revenue which will help during this time of uncertainty in the agricultural economy.

I support the Northern Divide Wind project. It will have a positive impact on Burke County and the State of North Dakota for years to come.

Sincerely,

Rep. Donald W. Longmuir



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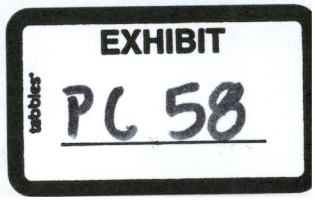
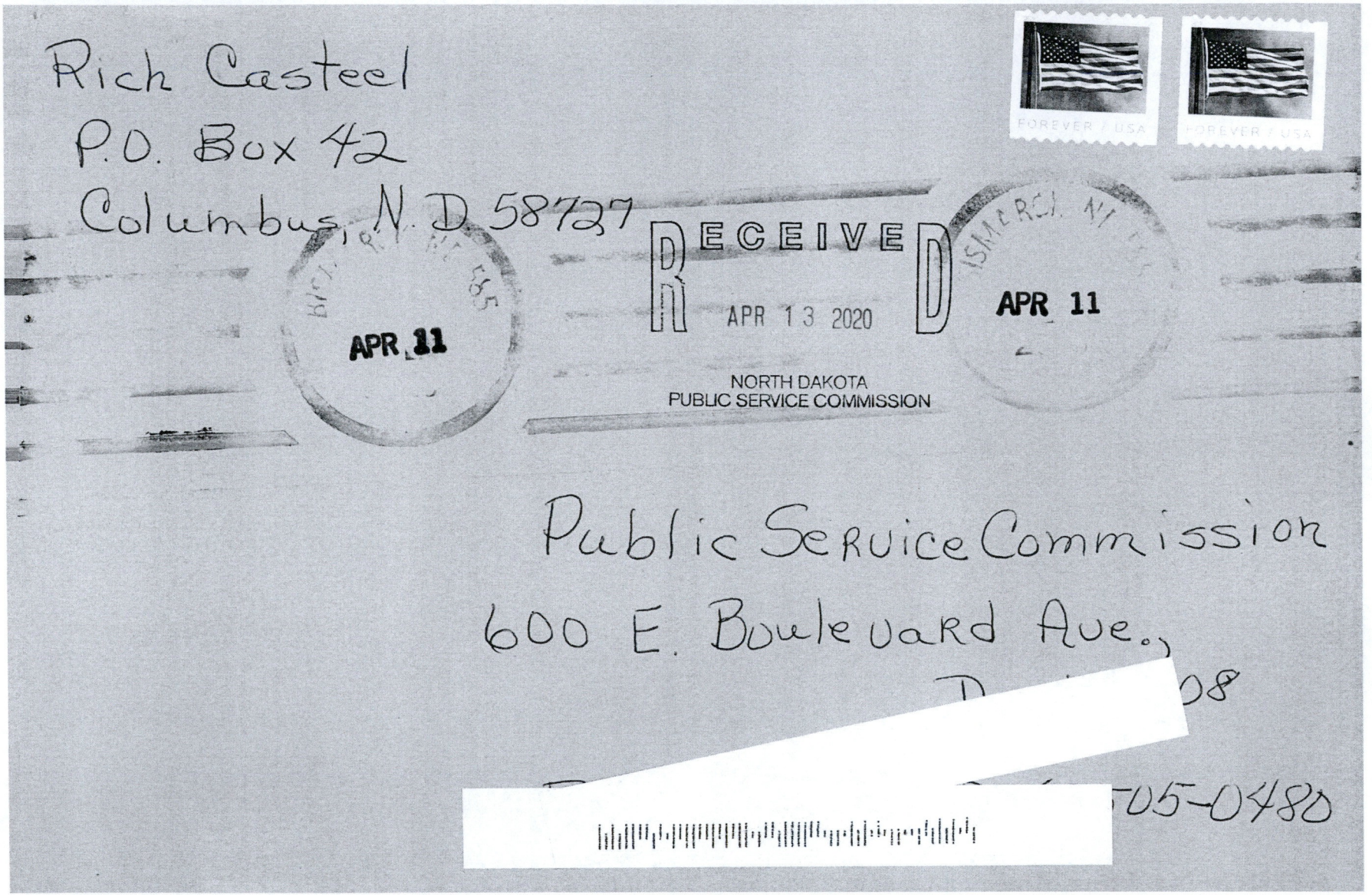
Dick Carsted

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Re: Burke County wind farm

Dear Commissioners Kroshus, Christmann and Fedorchak:

I wrote you last year in support of the Burke County wind farm, after attending the hearing on March 8, 2019. I listened to the testimony and have followed the project closely because of its effect on our students and our education budget. I expressed my strong support then and reiterate my strong support for the project. I hope you will approve it this time.

Rural communities and rural school districts struggle for economic vitality and school funding. You know that the Northern Divide wind farm will bring nearly a million dollars annually to Burke County, much of which will come to our schools. Our annual budget is 2,400,000, so a contribution of $300-400,000 annually would be a huge benefit to us.

The project also excites me because of the educational opportunity the wind farm offers our students. We can develop field tours, and practical, hands-on understanding of STEM topics by working with Nextera. Intern programs will give our students experiences and educational opportunities that we don't have today. I know they will have the chance to work with Nextera, and the wind farm to expose them to topics and experiences they don't have today.

I am excited for our area, our landowners and our students to see such an investment in Burke County. It will provide enormous opportunities for our kids that we just don't have now. I hope that you will approve the project. If you do, our schools will do their part to maximize its value and the opportunities for our kids in Burke County.

I was disappointed the project was not approved last year, but understand there were concerns regarding wildlife and wildlife habitat that I understand have been addressed by Nextera. I ask you to approve the Northern Divide wind project.

Thank you.

Rick Lindblad

Rick Lindblad,
Superintendent, Burke Central School District

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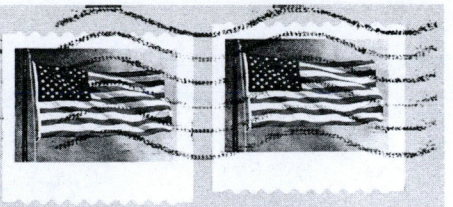

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Burke County citizens &
Landowner, Robert T Casteel

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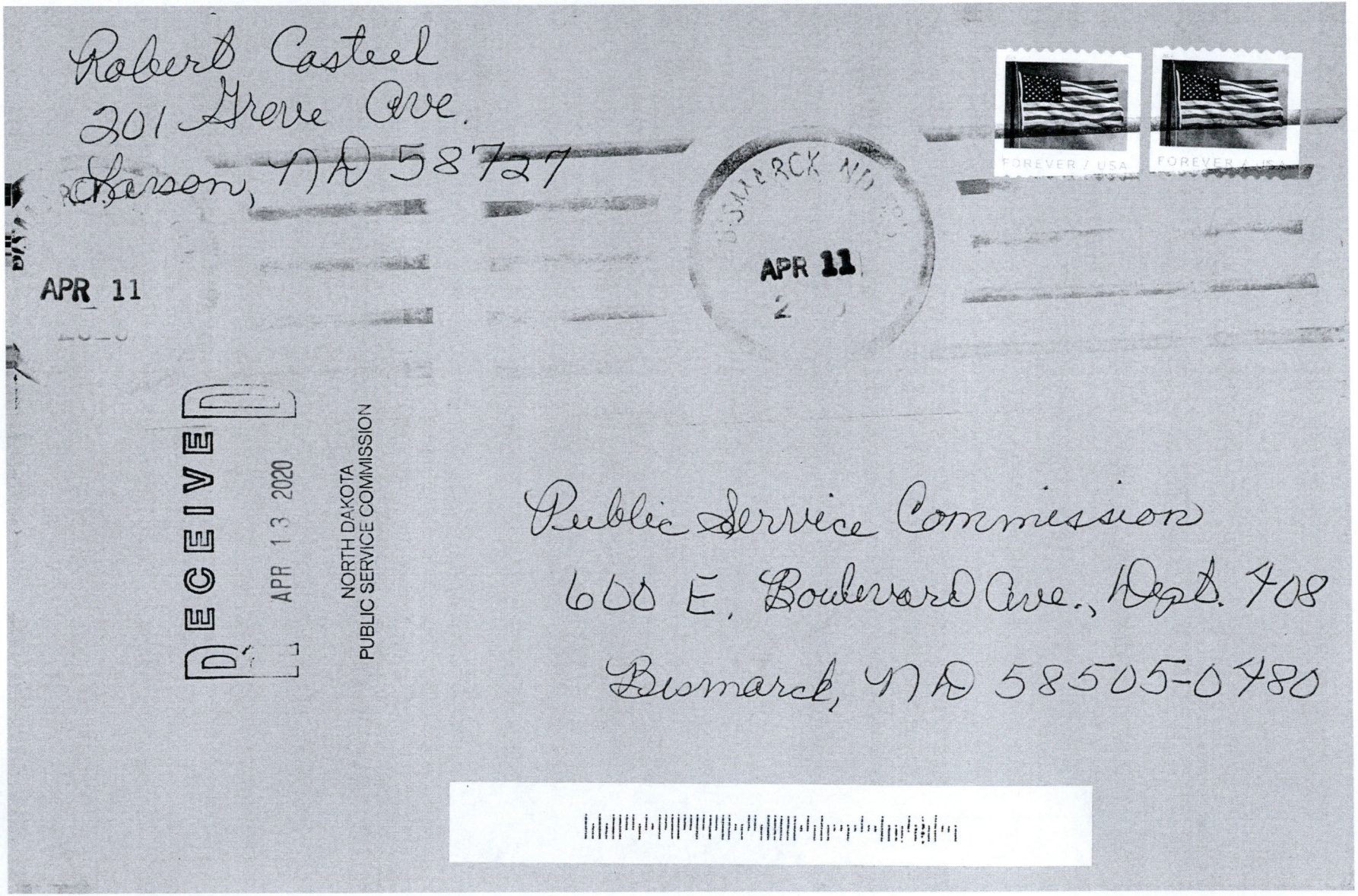
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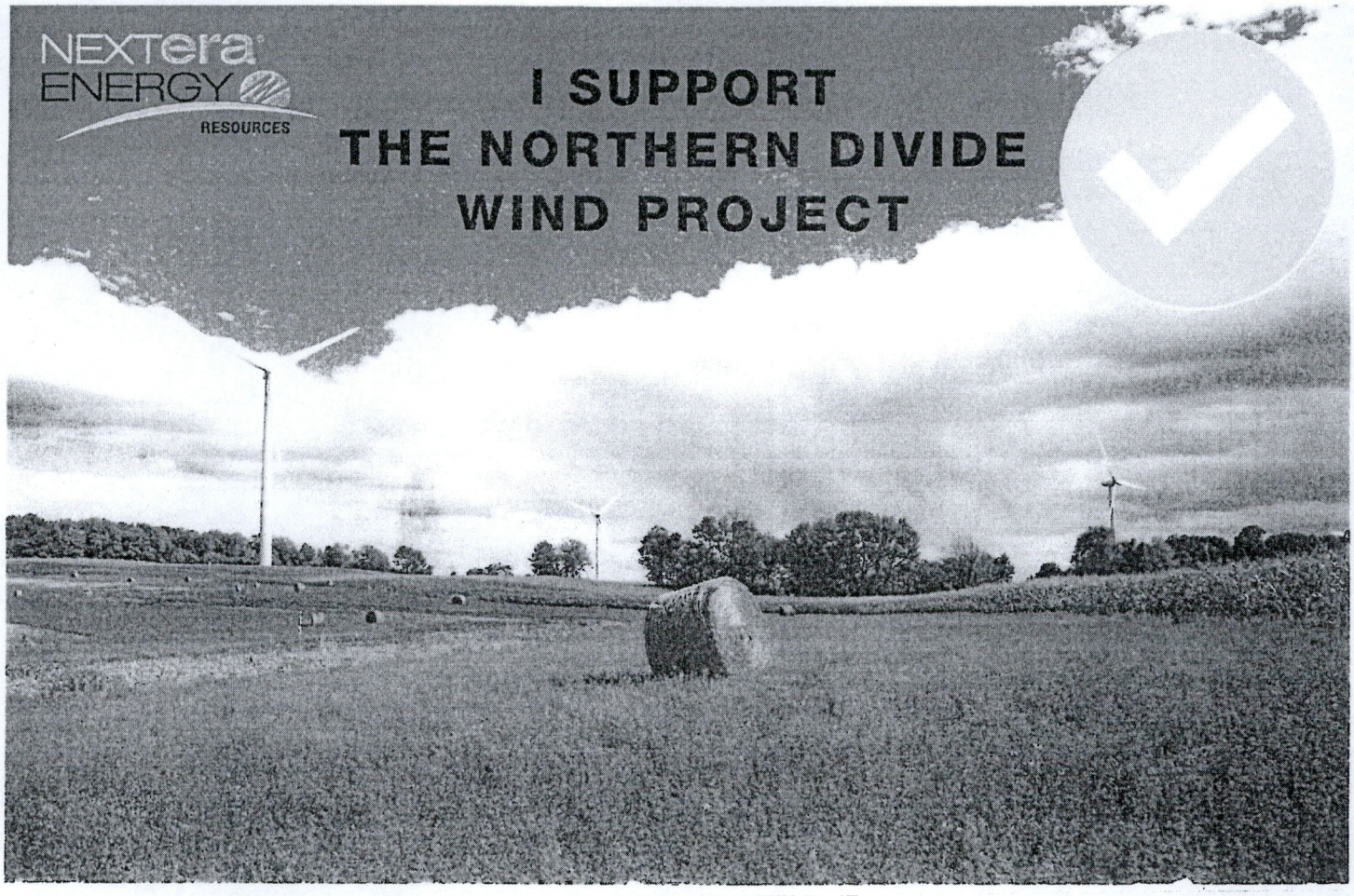

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I SUPPORT THE NORTHERN DIVIDE WIND & TRANSMISSION PROJECTS. THEY ARE GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

We are proud to support wind energy. Our county will profit for participating in this clean way of producing electricity. A vocal minority should not be able to take away landowners' rights. Please allow us to participate.

Sincerely,

Name Rod + Donna Olson

Address 546-28 Ave SW
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March 9, 2020

Rod and Donna Olson
546 28th Ave. SW
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Re: Northern Divide Wind Project (Case No. PU-19-376)

Dear Rod and Donna Olson,

Thank you for submitting comments to the Public Service Commission regarding the application for the Northern Divide Wind Project. We appreciate your interest in this case and we will place your comments in the public input file. Because this is an open case, the Commissioners cannot communicate directly with an interested party as it would be considered *ex parte* communication, which is prohibited.

It is important to note that because this is a formal case before the commission, both written and verbal comments submitted to the commission, including comments made at public input sessions, are not part of the formal evidentiary record on which the decision must be based. However, the comments that are not part of the formal record may form the basis for investigation resulting in testimony that becomes part of the formal record. Comments become part of the formal record when they are made or submitted at a formal or technical hearing, where they must be made under oath and subject to cross-examination.

The public hearing for this case has been scheduled for April 17, 2020, in Bowbells, ND. A copy of the hearing notice is enclosed with information about the hearing and the proposed project. You are encouraged to attend the public hearing and share your comments at that time in order for your comments to be included in the formal record.

If you need more information or are interested in intervening in a case, please contact our office or visit our website, www.psc.nd.gov for more information. You can find information about this case, including the company's application and any testimony that has been filed, on the commission's website (link available under "hot topics" case #PU-19-376).

Sincerely,

Stacy Eberl

Stacy Eberl
Consumer Affairs and Public Outreach Specialist

PLEASE FILE UNDER APPLICATION #'S
PU-19-376 & PU-19-377

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NEXTERA HAS A PROVEN TRACK RECORD ON MANY OTHER SUCCESSFUL WIND PROJECTS. I LIVE IN WYOMING AND HAVE SEEN HUNDREDS OF JOBS CREATED DURING CONSTRUCTION AND BENEFIT THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES. ALSO, FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION THERE WOULD ONGOING EMPLOYMENT DURING OPERATION OF THE TURBINES.
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I WANT THE TURBINES TO HELP SUSTAIN THE COMMUNITY AND HELP THE NEXT GENERATION OF FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS.

Sincerely,

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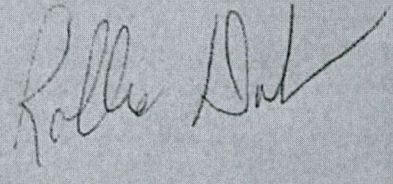

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Dear PSC commission: My name is Ronald Peters I received your letter concerning the meeting coming up on the 17Th. I feel this is a unjust way to hold this meeting. It is unfair to the general public that would attend a meeting in Bowbells ND. I feel that if this is not postponed till a later date when things get back to a more normal state and if this passes Next era energy will start immediately and they will have people coming in here from other states and that could spread the c ovid-
19 virus in our area. This would not be a good thing to happen. I hope you take this concern in on your judgment and de cision. Please postpone this meeting are well being I feel depends on the postponement till a later date. Thank you Ron ald Peters

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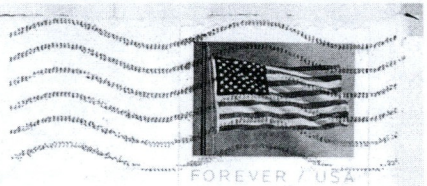

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Cc:	Lein, Jerry R.; Johnson, Brian L.
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You may have received this but just in case this should be added to the record! Thanks!
Julie

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> Wind has grown significantly in the last decade, growing from 1,000 Mw in 2007 to 3,600 Mw today. (Coal generates about 4,000 Mw).
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> Much of that power has gone to northwestern North Dakota to power the Bakken oil development and recent studies suggest that North Dakota will need hundreds of megawatts of new electricity in the next decade, much of it for oil wells.
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> Wind is likely to provide a substantial part of that demand, so the PSC should continue to support wind development in North Dakota.
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> Thank you.

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Sincerely,
Ryan Buchmann

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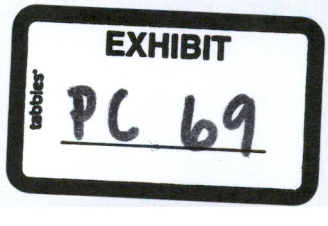
Columbus, North Dakota

Shannon Burau



April 11, 2020

Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

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A **Ms. Sharon Anderson**
8524 Highway 50
Powers Lake, ND 58773

Sharon Anderson

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Eberl, Stacy L.

From: -Info-Public Service Commission
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:25 PM
To: Eberl, Stacy L.
Subject: FW: Brian Kroshus Northern Wind Divide Meeting

From: Kathy and Doug Beard <dkbeard@nccray.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:16 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Brian Kroshus Northern Wind Divide Meeting

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Public Service Commissioner

Brian Kroshus

600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept 408

Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

April 7, 2020

Dear Commissioner:

It has come to our attention that the North Dakota Public Service Commission is looking into the possibility of holding an online public hearing on the Northern Divide Wind project proposal for northwestern Burke County. The scheduled date of this hearing is April 17, 2020 in Bowbells, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, gatherings are prohibited at this time.

We understand the reasoning for this change, but are opposed. This hearing should be held, as before, in a live public venue in Burke County. There is so much lost in not having a face to face meeting with the public. Gathering of other meetings, hearings, weddings, etc., are being postponed due to this pandemic and this meeting should also. Not all residents of Burke County have reliable cell phone service, have broadband and internet compatibility, nor are all tech savvy to view the hearing online.

Another concern is the timing of the project. If rushing through a hearing process using an online meeting, and if approval is made, construction may start prior to the conclusion of the pandemic. Workers for this project will most likely be from out-of-state, which puts the residents of Burke

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County at a much higher risk of possible infection. Please consider the consequences of not postponing this meeting.

Therefore, we respectfully ask you not have an online hearing on this proposal, but wait for the restrictions on public gathers to be lifted, and then re-schedule the hearing in Burke County.

Thank you,

Supporters of the Coteau Preservation Alliance

Cc: North Dakota State Governor, Doug Burgum

Administrative Law Judge, Timothy J. Dawson

PSC members: Julie Fedorchak, Randy Christman

John Schuh

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Kenmare Association of Commerce

4-5-20 *Submitted for the record April 23, 2020

North Dakota Public Service Commission

Re: Support of Northern Divide Wind Farm Project

Kenmare Association of Commerce wishes to record its support of the Northern Divide Wind Project proposed for Burke County.

Kenmare is situated just 16 miles southeast of Bowbells in Burke County, and 71 miles southeast of Crosby in Divide County.

A large portion of the customer traffic for Kenmare's business district comes from the trade area stretching from Kenmare to Bowbells to Crosby, adjacent to U.S. Highway 52.

Besides, the obvious direct benefits to Burke County from tax revenue and new jobs, there will be indirect beneficial impacts to the commerce district of Kenmare, through increased customer shopping traffic.

The Kenmare Association of Commerce consists of 72 business, individual, and community organization members. We are active throughout the year sponsoring many community events, including shop local promotions, customer appreciation picnic in the park, rib cookoff, car and motorcyle rally, city-wide rummage sale, city-wide spring clean-up, Christmas light-up event, Santa Day. We also provide support to other independent community events, such as the 8-day GooseFest celebration, the Sportsmen's Banquet, Landowners Appreciation Banquet, and Dollars for Scholars banquet.

A wide variety of products and services are available at Kenmare's many businesses, making it a vital shopping center for the area. Any economic growth in the region helps Kenmare grow, as well.

NextEra Energy Resources has a reputable, long standing history of doing business in North Dakota.

Kenmare Association of Commerce supports their development of this project in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Terry Froseth, president

Kenmare Association of Commerce

Phone 701-385-4275

cell: 701-848-6602

Kenmare ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE

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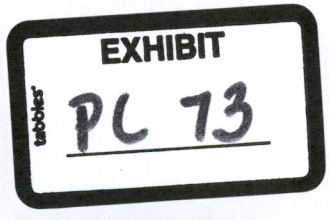

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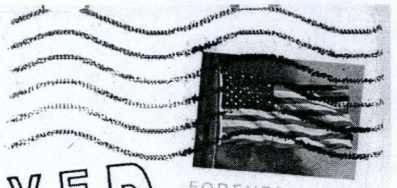

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I SUPPORT THE NORTHERN DIVIDE WIND & TRANSMISSION PROJECTS. THEY ARE GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

I support this wind project because it will bring jobs into our communities, not only during construction but full time jobs to keep turbines running. These wind turbines will help farmers and ranchers make extra income to support local businesses for goods + services. It will make for a vibrant and growing county + area. It will help Burke County to have money for roads, employees, recreation and other great people projects.

Sincerely,

Name Tom Burau

Address 2505 Nash Lane

Mandan, N. D. 58554

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Attn: Mr. Steve Kahl
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

Northern Divide Wind, LLC – Wind Farm Site Application, PSC Docket No. PU-19-376

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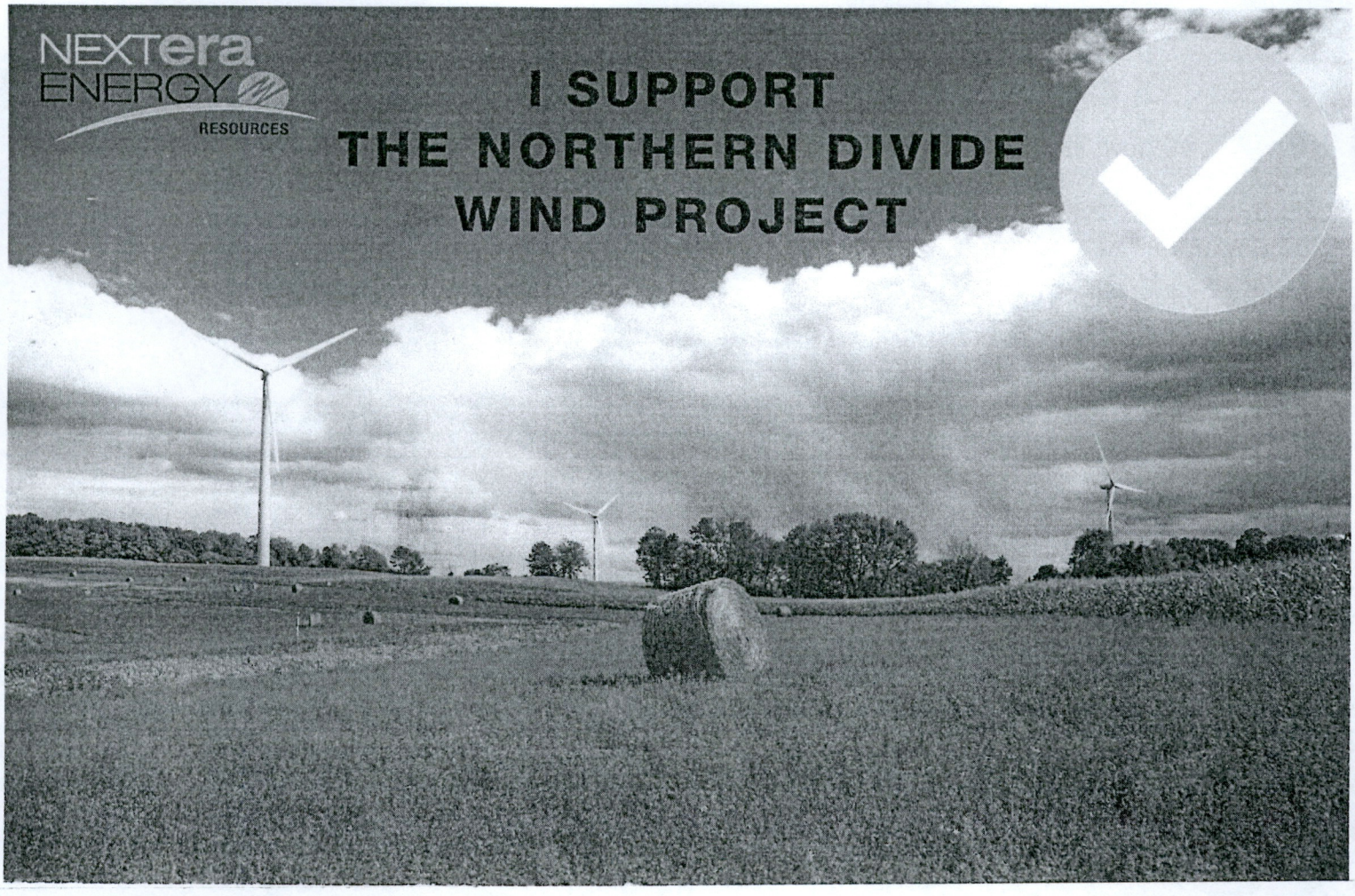

I SUPPORT THE NORTHERN DIVIDE WIND & TRANSMISSION PROJECTS. THEY ARE GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

I thought the project was voted out - so we wouldn't get the turbines and that is fine - I do not support that they cross the land that turbines are not on.

Sincerely,

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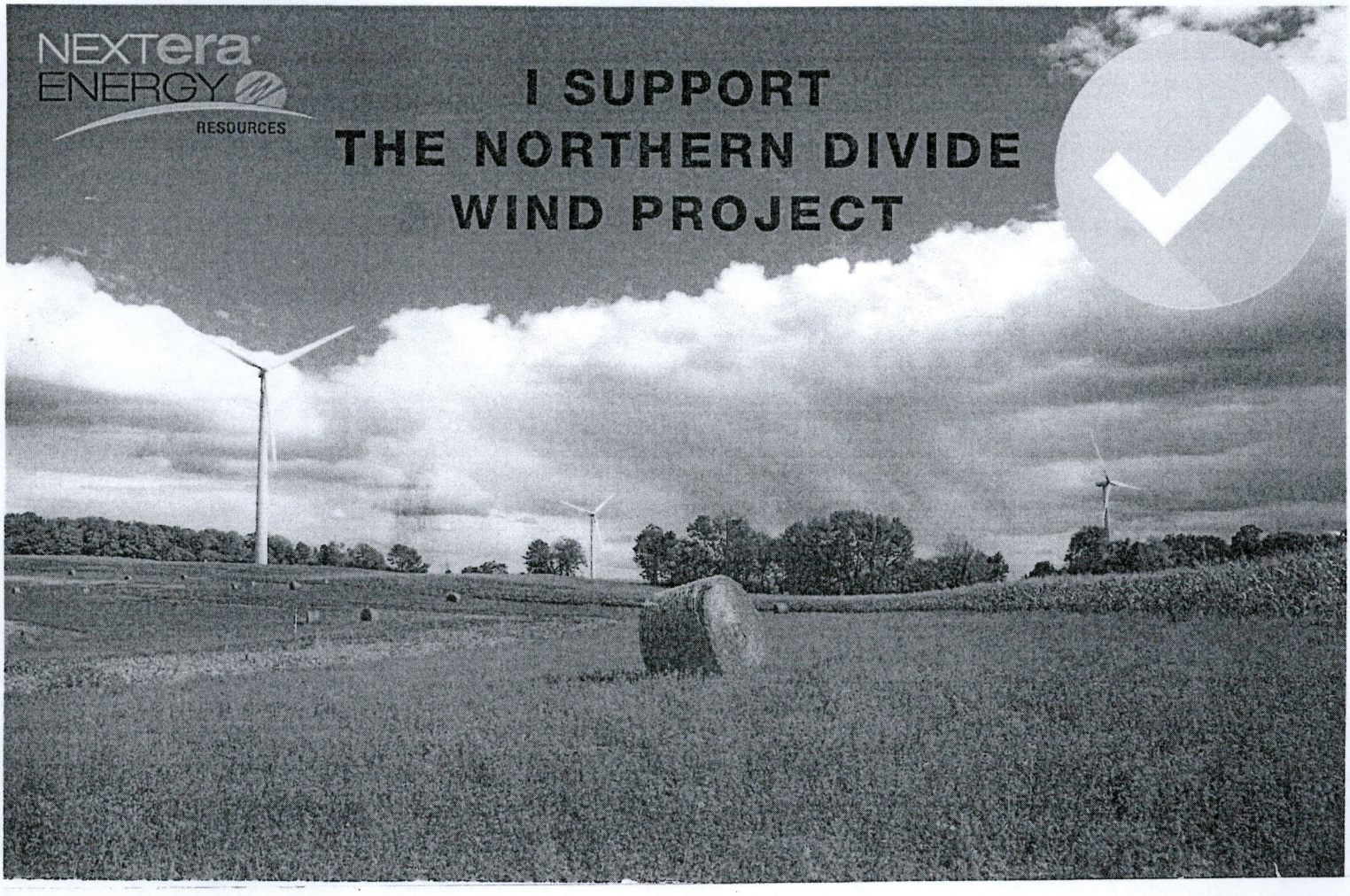

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I am 100% for the wind project.

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Attn: Mr. Steve Kahl
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

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Sincerely,

Name Vernon Zunich

Address 1018 pleasant St Miles City mt. 59301

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Wanda Ely

Wanda Ely
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Columbus ND 58727
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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Please docket

Please docket public comments for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377

From: Robert Huether <huetherrobert38@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 9:11 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject:

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I am asking you to consider the effects of wind energy to coal energy. Bob Huether

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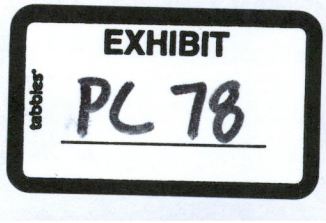

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From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Support for Wind Energy - please docket

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From: Dorene Strom <doreneannstrom@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 9:28 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Support for Wind Energy

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Thank you for all of the wind energy that is already established in North Dakota.

Please continue to produce more green energy so that we can protect our environment for our next generation. Our young people already has so much to deal with.

Thank you,
Dorene Strom

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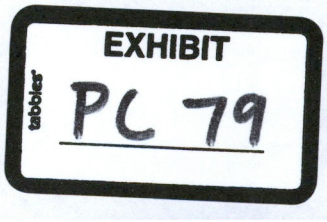

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From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide Wind Development - please docket

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From: LAURA HERMANSON <lauramandan@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 10:03 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Northern Divide Wind Development

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Public Service Commissioners:

Now is not the time to say no to any energy development in the state.

Landowners and the County Commission have approved this project, and I encourage the PSC to do the same.

I urge you to please approve the Northern Divide Wind Development.

Thank you,
Laura Hermanson

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From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide Wind (Cases PU-19-376 & PU-19-377) - please docket

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From: Kyle Ness <kness@natca.net>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:04 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Cc: Jonas Ness <nessjonas@gmail.com>; Danica Chilson <johnanddanica@mac.com>
Subject: Northern Divide Wind (Cases PU-19-376 & PU-19-377)

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Hello,

I am writing the PSC in support of the Northern Divide Wind Project. Wind energy is a positive means to provide the citizens of North Dakota and surrounding states the energy we need to conduct our lives and business, but also provides significant economic benefits to the community and landowners.

My ancestors homesteaded in Burke county, my father grew up in Columbus and my family has owned land south of Columbus for decades. The abundant wildlife and natural prairie landscape of Burke county is a treasure and something I hold dear. My support doesn't come without careful evaluation of the wind project plans for my property and potential impact of a project of this scale on the greater area.

The need for energy continues to evolve with population growth in a technological world. It's an exciting prospect that my land can provide for that need while preserving soil that supplies the nation with food and a unique ecology produces nearly all classes of fauna.

I am in favor of the Northern Divide Wind Project and encourage the PSC to support it as well.

Kyle Ness
9429 Highway 40
Columbus, ND, 58727

cc: Jonas Ness, Danica Chilson

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Ms. Julie Fedorchak
Public Service Commissioner

Mr. Brian Kroshus
Public Service Commissioner

Mr. Randy Christmann
Public Service Commissioner

Re: Proposed Northern Divide Wind, LLC

Dear Commissioners:

We, Coteau Preservation Alliance, are presenting information to Public Service Commission by email when written public testimony will be accepted, April 17, 2020 through April 27, 2020 regarding the Northern Divide Wind, LLC project. This 24 page report provides information why this project should not be accepted based on adverse affects to the natural resources, unknown plans for disposing of spent turbine blades with associated potential harm to natural resources, and Covid-19 concerns during the project's planned construction starting in May 2020 and to be completed in November 2020.

This report was written by Karen Smith with review from those in the Coteau Preservation Alliance.

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A. History of Burke Wind, LLC

NextEra began their first Burke Wind, LLC project, a Foreign Limited Liability Company, on 31 May 2016 when they became authorized to transact business in ND. The first plan was for a 46,515-acre project area stretching from one mile east of the Divide County line eastward across the Coteau to just north of Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge, all in Burke County. The application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility was submitted to NDPSC in September of 2018. The plan had 128 wind turbines – a 300 MW project – that required roads, collection lines, transmission lines, and other facilities affecting the Coteau's native grasslands, diverse and abundant wetlands, and croplands.

The Coteau across Burke County is a major migration corridor for migrating avian species that includes waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, raptors, warblers and other passerines. Also, the proposed wind project area contains the breeding habitats for many declining grassland avian species, habitat critical to retain without being fragmented, as explained in Docket #76 pages 4-7 and 9, a report completed by the Coteau Preservation Alliance (North Dakota PSC web site, Case #: PU-18-302, Docket Item #76, hereafter referred to as Docket Item #76). The first Burke Wind project ran into much opposition from federal and state wildlife agencies, and local citizens.

The Burke Wind, LLC then altered the 46,515-acre footprint down to 24,539 acres in hopes to reduce the opposition of the original Burke Wind project. The new plan, still called Burke Wind (referred to here as Burke Wind-2), was basically in the identical same area except the eastern third of the original Burke Wind project area was no longer included (from Burke County Road 11 to the original eastern edge).

The new version of Burke Wind met the same opposition from federal and state wildlife agencies, and local citizens as the original Burke Wind, LLC. Regardless, Burke Wind-2 project managers applied to North Dakota Public Service Commission in the fall of 2019 to obtain PSC approval. After reviewing all comments, the Commission found, based on Code 69-06-08-01(5), the weight of the evidence to show the proposed Burke Wind, LLC project (Burke Wind-2) would have too much adverse effects upon animal health and safety. Their application was denied.

B. Burke Wind, LLC's Name Change

This denial has not deterred the company's drive and desire to construct a wind field in the center of the major migration corridor along the highest geographic figure in Burke County – the Coteau. Burke Wind LLC, amended the certificate of authority of Burke Wind, LLC on August 29, 2019 to Northern Divide Wind, LCC. This "new" project (or maybe it could be called Burke Wind-3) is in the western half of Burke Wind-2 project, reducing the project area to 10,912 acres.

It remains a proposed 200 MW wind field with 74 turbines, like Burke Wind-2, across the Coteau but now begins at the Divide County line traversing east across the Coteau to State Highway 40. What changed is the addition of about 3,280 acres along the Divide County line and the extreme northwest edge of the Burke Wind-2's boundary. The company also added two additional areas north of the Burke Wind-2's north boundary, totaling about 640 acres that is along the Coteau's escarpment –a sharp drop in topography below the Coteau into the geological feature known as the northern glaciated plains.

C. Northern Divide Wind, LLC Project and Adjacent Areas

Northern Divide Wind, LLC will have the same negative impacts on the natural resources as did the other Burke Wind projects to native grasslands, wetlands, and the associated nesting and migrating avian species associated with the Coteau. These negative effects have been described in the Coteau Preservation Alliance report (Docket Item #76) submitted to NDPSC on March 8, 2019 at the public hearing in Bowbells. Even though there is less native grasslands found in the current proposed project area as compared to Burke Wind-2, what remains of native grasslands will be negatively affected (D. Road, Collection Lines, and Turbines and their Pads section, page 5) and should not be further fragmented (importance of fragmentation to habitat is discussed in Docket Item #76, pages 4-7 & 9).

Even though there is less native grassland in the Northern Divide Wind project, it does not change the important fact that this project is squarely in the middle of the major spring and fall migration routes of many avian species traversing from their wintering grounds to their nesting habitats in and around the Coteau and north into Canada. Many of these species are found to be very sensitive to wind fields, as will be shown from three studies presented below (starting on page 6). The importance of this migration corridor is one of the important reasons why wildlife federal and state agencies and local citizens have opposed the Burke Wind projects – both of them.

Along the northern edge of the Coteau is the escarpment. In many places along this escarpment there are woody habitats very attractive to migrating passerines, raptors, and other species that will migrate through the coulee and straight into a wind field's wall of turbines. There will be seven new turbine and four old turbine locations very near these woodland coulees, some roads and collection lines actually appear, according to the company's plan, to traverse through these wooded areas which is fragmenting the woody habitat.

The extensive use by migrating avian species of these wooded coulees is demonstrated by bird counts completed by expert North Dakota birders at Wildwood Park, very near two new turbine sites, #62 and 63. Details about migrating bird use of this site are presented below in the section titled: F. ebird Data of Wildwood Park (page 12). These recordings demonstrate and validate the number of avian species that use Burke County traversing through the Coteau during their annual spring and fall migrations, and this is just at one location along the entire stretch.

This wind company is persistent and determined to establish a wind field in a major migration corridor route on the Coteau. There are so many other places to put a wind field that is not in the center of a major migration route. It is easy to find locations of high wind with low wildlife impact by consulting published reports that are presented in the Docket Item #76. Quotes taken from Coteau Preservation Alliance's report stresses this, and we are repeating some of this information:

> "One of the data sources was the 2001 National Land Cover Dataset. They found that of all the areas on the Great Plains, the one area of **primary concern was the Northern Great Plains**. The authors expressed "...globally, the temperate grasslands biome is the most converted and least protected (Hoekstra et al. 2005) and the Northern Great Plains is home to much of North America's remaining temperate grasslands."
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> What is extremely helpful is they combined data and developed maps to identify **Low Impact** areas with good wind, verses **High Impact** intact native grassland/wildlife areas that should be discouraged or avoided for use by the wind industry. There are ample areas with low impact and enough wind to meet the goals established by the U.S, Department of Energy that 20% of United States electrical needs come from wind energy by year 2030 (Department of Energy 2008).
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> Let us give a little more detail. From the 2012 publication, **"Goals for wind energy development in the NGP are roughly 30 GW of nameplate capacity by 2030** [bold added]. Our analyses demonstrate that there are large areas where wind development would likely have few additional impacts on wildlife. We estimate there are, 1,056 GW of potential wind energy available across the NGP on areas likely to have Low Impact for biodiversity, **over 35 times development goals**. New policies and approaches will be required to guide wind energy development to Low Impact areas." (Fargione et al. 2012)
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> **The entire Coteau in Burke County is not within the Low Impact areas for wind development** as seen on Map 1. **The Coteau is recognized as a High Impact area, an area that should be avoided by the wind industry ....**"

Having Northern Divide Wind to remain on the Coteau, a major migration route, and placed closer to the escarpment where some of the wind turbines are adjacent to the woodland drainages where numerous species of migrants pass through, is not a "green" wind project. The need to keep wind project as green as possible is very important and will be expressed by many others later in this report.

As identified by be the 2001 National Land Cover Dataset (Fargione et al. 2012), any place on the Coteau in Burke County is not a green site, and is not acceptable due to the loss of critical nesting and migration habitats, and impact to migrating avian species (impacts described in E. Three Publications Regarding Wind Facilities Effect on Avian Species, page 6). . This location is

just wrong, and has been proven wrong before based on the history of what has happened to Burke Wind, LLC!

NextEra's company, Northern Divide Wind, LLC hopes to get permission to complete the project starting in May of 2020 and completing in November of 2020. If they are given permission to proceed, there will be outsiders coming into northwestern North Dakota, an area almost void of people affected by the coronavirus. We are going to increase the chances of introducing this deadly disease into Burke County during a period of time when health experts stress the importance to keep travel to only essential trips (J. Last Comments, page 22).

D. Impacts from Roads, Collection Lines, and Turbines and their Pads

Roads, collection lines, and turbines and their pads will adversely affect habitats in the Northern Divide Wind project's footprint. This will be direct through loss of habitat and indirect by traffic disturbances, that includes noise and dust that many of these areas have never had or at least have had very little.

There are approximately146 wetlands in the Northern Divide Wind that will be affected by roads, collection lines, and turbine pads. New roads with traffic adjacent to any wetland will disturb wildlife and increased disturbance not present before. Dust, if travelled frequently enough, will settle on wetlands affecting water quality, and on vegetation that can reduce plant's photosynthesis. Tower #9 has wetland right up to the tower pad, #50 has three wetlands either in or surrounded by the pad; #58 has 2 wetlands in the pad, #59 borders along the entire east side of a large wetland, and #60 is right adjacent to a large wetland, ALT 3 & 4 have wetlands in the pads, #66 destroys two wetlands, and #71 destroys one small wetland.

There are less native grassland areas in the current proposed project area than in NextEra's other proposed project areas, however there remains adverse affects to what native grasslands are present, in part due to further fragmentation (Docket Item #76, pages 4-7 & 9). For native grasslands, roads will adversely affect four native grassland areas, of significance are:

- ~½ mile in length that is immediately adjacent to or in native grassland (Section 35 T162N R94W).
- ~ ½ mile stretch of road either in or immediately adjacent to native grassland (Section 8 T161N R93W)
- ~1/4 mile stretch of road along edge or in native going to Pad #51 (Section 11 T161N R94W)
- ~1/4 mile of crane path will tear native sod bisecting across the middle of an 80-acre block of native (Section 11 T161N R94W)

For road affect on Tame Grasslands habitat, there are seven sites that will likely adversely affect this grassland type, most pronounced is road to Pad #13 that appears to be build in tame grass, as well as the pad (Section 30 T162N R94W).

Collection lines will adversely affect four native grasslands:

- one of which cuts through a half section of native grassland, cutting through the sod for ½ mile (Section 11 T161N R94W);
- ¼ mile of native (Section 18 T161N R93W).
- between #14 and 23, ~ ¼ mile either in or immediately adjacent to native
- < ¼ mile northwest of #34 cutting through section of native

Collection lines will cross tame grasslands at about17 locations.

There are six Pad locations that will adversely affect native grassland habitat and species using of such habitats either because of such close proximity to native or in native:

- #14 Section 11 T161N R94W
- #23 (Section 11 T161N R94W)
- #45 and #46 (Section 35 T162N R94W)
- #52 (Section 11 T161N R94W)
- #67 adjacent to east end of ~80 acres of native

There are four locations where the pad location adjacent to tame grassland will likely adversely affect wildlife species due to disturbance from traffic to pads:

- Pad #9 and #12 (Section 30 T162N R94W)
- Pad #31 (Section 27 T162N R94W)
- Pad #66 (Section 5 T161N R93W)

There are nine locations where collection lines either go through woodland/shrubland habitats or are immediately adjacent to. Collection lines that traverse west of tower #39 cut straight through a woodland drainage. There are three locations in Section 35 T162N R94W where the turbine pads will disturb woodland habitat wildlife, pad #40 to 41. Section 35 T162N R94W there are major potentials to adversely affect migrating woodland birds using the woody drainages migrating north and south due to four pad locations: #39,40,41, and 42.

E. Three Publications Regarding Wind Facilities Effect on Avian Species

Publication #1 (all bolding of print is for this report)
In Beston et al. (2016), a group of scientists "...**developed a prioritization system to identify the avian species most likely to experience population declines from wind facilities based on their current conservation status and their expected risk from turbines.**" They "... developed 3 metrics of turbine risk that incorporate data on collision fatalities at wind facilities, population size, life history, species' distributions relative to turbine locations, number of suitable habitat types, and species' conservation status."

To help the reader grasp the depth at which these scientists went to determine how different species would be affected by wind development, they used three metrics:

1) fatalities due to turbines (FT) derived through a variety of studies,

2) fatality risk index (FRI) "…to estimate the difference in risk from wind between long-lived, slow reproducing species and short-lived, rapidly reproducing species."

3) indirect risk index (IRI) where "…Bird species that occur in and around wind facilities may infrequently collide with turbines … yet still experience population consequences due to disturbance, displacement, and habitat fragmentation and loss."

The authors used taxonomic orders to help identify groups of species affected. To reduce confusing of taxonomic order names used in this study, we have identified below what groups of species are within:

Accipitriformes is one of three major orders of birds of prey and includes the osprey, hawks, eagles, kites, and vultures. Falcons (Falconiformes) and owls (Strigiformes) are the other two major orders. Most all of these species can be found either nesting or migrating through the Coteau.

Pelecaniformes are pelicans, cornorants, and …. These use Coteau's wetlands.

Charadriiformes are e.g., shorebirds and gulls,, several species commonly use the Coteau's wetlands for reproduction and migrate through the Coteau.

Podicipediformes are grebes, several species commonly use the Coteau's wetlands.

The authors determined "The values for the turbine risk measures varied considerably among and within some taxonomic orders. Accipitriformes and Pelecaniformes had two of the three highest means for both fatality metrics, with Strigiformes and Charadriiformes in the top three for FT and FRI, respectively. Cuculiformes and Podicipediformes had the highest order means for IRI, but Gruiformes, Passeriformes, and Pelecaniformes had individual species with higher IRI values."

"In particular, Accipitriformes had a higher median priority than all species combined…, and 39% of Accipitriformes had average priority scores of four or above. On the other hand, passerines had a low median priority…, and only 7% of species in this order had average priority scores of four or above."

"Birds of prey that we identified to be at greatest relative risk of experiencing population declines from wind energy included the **long-eared owl**, **Swainson's hawk**, **ferruginous hawk**,

and **golden eagle**. Notably, the golden eagle has been the focus of much concern and debate about wind energy development due to its suspected susceptibility to population decline. Charadriiformes and Pelecaniformes are two orders that also include long-lived species that ranked highly, many of which are also habitat specialists."

"The use of multiple metrics in the turbine risk element of our prioritization causes species to be highly ranked for different reasons. ....The **American bittern** may be impacted by wind energy because it is a habitat specialist and some of its habitat overlaps with wind turbines. For **long-eared owls**, collisions with wind turbines caused the highest percentage of annual fatality for any bird species assessed."

Other examples of their findings (bolded species are those found on the Coteau and escarpment's woody habitats:

> "Species with >1.5% of annual US fatalities attributable to turbines included the **long-eared owl** (*Asio otus*), **golden eagle** (*Aquila chrysaetos*), and **gray partridge** (*Perdix perdix*)...."
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> "For FRI, species with high values included the great black-backed gull (*Larus marinus*), **Swainson's hawk** (*Buteo swainsoni*), **great blue heron** (*Ardea herodias*), and Harris's hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*)...."
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> "The **blackpoll warbler** (*Setophaga striata*) also had a high FRI value despite a relatively high ratio of maternity to age at first reproduction. This warbler breeds primarily in Canada but has a small breeding population in the northeastern US that overlaps several wind facilities, resulting in >30% of its US breeding population exposed to turbines. The high overlap with turbines also resulted in the blackpoll warbler having the highest IRI value of any species analyzed. Other species with high IRI values included ..., **sora** (*Porzana Carolina*)...." [*In the ebird report section below, blackpoll warbler were using the escarpment, a migrant species that uses nesting habitats in Canada.*]

American bitterns are common on Coteau wetlands, although it varies from year to year based on wetland water conditions and available prey. Long-eared owls are found in wooded habitats, including aspen groves on the Great Plains, and in wooded coulees, as found on the escarpment. Long-eared owl numbers will fluctuate depending on availability of voles, which numbers vary from year to year based on such variables as snowless winters exposing them to the elements of winter. These are examples where one or two years of sparse monitoring, as done by NextEra, will result in missing species and abundance thereof.

One conclusion was "…several birds of prey, such as the **long-eared owl**, **ferruginous hawk**, **Swainson's hawk**, and **golden eagle**, were at relatively high risk of population decline across a wide variety of cutoff values, whereas many passerines were at relatively low risk of decline…"

Beston et al. (2016) stressed Accipitriformes had a higher median priority than all species combined…, and 39% of Accipitriformes had average priority scores of four or above. Species of raptors that nest on the Coteau's grassland or adjacent woody habitats include red-tailed hawk, Swainson's hawk, ferruginous hawk, sharp-shinned hawk, Cooper's hawk, northern harrier, American kestrel, short-eared owl, long-eared owl, and great-horned owl. Species that migrate through the escarpment and Coteau include the nesters, above, and rough-legged hawk, bald eagle, golden eagle, northern goshawk, peregrine falcon, prairie falcon, turkey vulture, broad-winged hawk, American kestrel, merlin, and gyrfalcon. Those that will use the Coteau and the Escarpment during winter include rough-legged hawk, golden eagle, northern goshawk, and gyrfalcon. Their numbers each year will vary but they have always used this area for migration, feeding, and some for nesting.

The escarpment is used as a lift for hunting the grasslands adjacent to the escarpment, while the varying topography of the Coteau also produces varying lifts for many raptor species for migration and hunting of prey.

This group of raptors had some of the highest means for fatality metrics shown by Beston et al. (2016) from wind energy development. The turbines on the Northern Divide Wind project will adversely affect raptors because it is squarely in the main migration corridor crossing the Coteau. [*Karen Smith observed golden eagles twice on the Coteau the winter of 2019-20, even when she was seldom outside.*] This location is also squarely in the nesting range of the 10 raptor species identified above. NextEra through the Northern Divide Wind project need to stop pursuing a wind field on the Coteau! This will adversely affect birds of prey, both nesters and migrants. This is not a "green" location for a wind farm. This project needs to be denied.

Publication #2 (all bolding is for this report to PSC)

Loss et al. (2013) modeled bird collision mortality with hub height of solid monopole wind turbines, using average hub height for the Great Plains of 63.7 m. "Because we found a strong correlation between turbine hub height and rotor diameter, it is important to note that increased bird mortality may be a result of both increased turbine height and increased rotor diameter. As turbines get taller, greater mortality may occur due to turbines extending further into altitudes that contain large numbers of flying birds. As rotor diameter increases, a greater area of airspace is swept by the turbine blade and therefore exposed to collision risk. Recent well-publicized research indicates that larger wind turbines may provide more efficient energy generation…. Given that we found evidence for increased bird mortality with increasing height of monopole turbines along with a move toward increasing turbine size, we argue that wildlife collision risk

should be incorporated with energy efficiency considerations when evaluating the ''greenness'' of alternative wind energy development options."(page 207)

"Development and production of U.S. wind energy represents a promising opportunity to decrease global carbon emissions and increase energy independence. However, our results suggest that the amount of U.S. bird mortality caused by collisions at monopole wind turbines is non-trivial. Furthermore, the projected trend for a continued increase in turbine size coupled with our finding of greater bird collision mortality at taller turbines suggests that precaution must be taken to reduce adverse impacts to wildlife populations when making decisions about the type of wind turbines to install. Despite an apparent lower magnitude of bird mortality at wind turbines compared to other anthropogenic mortality sources (e.g., windows/buildings,…; communication towers,… feral and pet cats, …), mortality at wind facilities should not be dismissed offhand. Instead, we stress the importance of considering species-specific and location-specific risks and the potential for cumulative impacts of multiple wind facilities and multiple mortality threats. The total amount of bird collision mortality at U.S. wind facilities will likely increase with increased wind energy development in the coming decades. Scaling our estimates to the scenario projected to meet the DOE's 20% goal (a six-fold increase from current generation capacity,…) produces a mean annual mortality estimate of roughly 1.4 million birds. This estimate assumes that average wind turbine height will not increase. **Installation of increasingly larger turbines could result in a greater amount of mortality. Multi-scale decisions about where to site wind facilities and individual wind turbines in the context of risks to individual bird species will be crucial to minimizing this mortality….** (page 208)"

The hub height used for the Great Plains portion was 63.7 m (209 feet). The hub height for the 2.72 GE towers to be used on the Northern Divide Wind is 90 m (295.3 feet). When considering that the turbines to be used are taller than those in the study, and the metrics of risk factors presented by Beston et al. (2016) incorporated into this fact, the picture of setting a wind field in a major migration corridor/route, such as the Coteau in Burke County is just not acceptable. It most certainly is not a "green location".

Publication #3 (all bolding is for this report to PSC)

Wulff et al. (2016) assessed **diurnal** wind turbine collision risk for grassland birds on the southern Great Plains. They characterized distributions of diurnal flight heights for 66 bird species on the southern Great Plains, which allows application to wind turbines with different wind turbine swept zone (RSZ). Table 1 shows 21 species they had in southern Texas that are on the Coteau.

Table 1. Flight height range, mean, and proportion within wind turbine rotor swept zone (RSZ; 32–124 m) observed during October 2008–August 2009 in Gray and Donley counties, Texas.

		Flight height (m)			
Species	n	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD
American goldfinch *Spinus tristis*	5	7.4	169.7	75.0	83.13
American kestrel *Falco sparverius*	29	3.9	107.5	28.4	22.94
Bald eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*	3	36.9	75.4	57.2	19.36
Barn swallow *Hirundo rustica*	61	1.8	71.1	13.4	12.74
Eastern kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus*	7	2.5	48.9	11.9	16.61
Grasshopper sparrow *Ammodramus savannarum*	12	2.9	17.1	7.9	5.16
Horned lark *Eremophila alpestris*	168	1.7	372.2	19.9	35.01
Meadowlark species *Sturnella* spp.	240	1.7	76.5	11.4	10.53
Spring	101	1.7	76.5	11.2	10.69
Summer	56	2.8	59.0	17.0	12.98
Autumn	52	1.7	30.5	8.4	5.93
Merlin *Falco columbarius*	3	3.4	14.5	7.5	6.09
Mourning dove *Zenaida macroura*	276	1.7	164.7	29.8	23.72
Northern harrier *Circus cyaneus*	149	1.7	144.8	18.6	20.44
Red-tailed hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*	15	1.7	79.0	36.0	26.11
Savannah sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*	6	2.7	26.7	10.9	12.10
Swainson's hawk *Buteo swainsoni*	24	3.4	238.3	79.3	65.39
Tree swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*	7	2.3	47.3	12.0	15.86
Blue-winged teal *Anas discors*	5	17.3	77.5	49.2	24.80
Gadwall *Anas strepera*	4	13.7	130.4	71.6	47.91
Green-winged teal *Anas crecca*	3	13.7	115.5	53.2	54.57
Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*	57	2.0	329.4	51.6	51.25
Northern pintail *Anas acuta*	15	13.7	142.5	48.1	37.00
Northern shoveler *Anas clypeata*	10	13.7	111.7	61.7	49.98

Northern Divide Wind's hub height for the GE 2.82 and 90 m 2.32 was 90 m (295.3 feet) and 80 m (262.5 feet) respectively – the Loss et al. (2013) study towers were 63.7 m.

Northern Divide Wind's towers height from their base to the tip of an upright blade is 148 m (485.6 feet) and 138 m (452.7 feet) for 2.72 GE and 2.32 GE respectively.

The diameter of the rotors for both 2.72 and 2.32 GE towers are 116 m (380.6 feet) (116 m is the RSZ for the Northern Divide Wind project).

From the ground/base of a tower to the bottom edge of the blade when closest to the ground is about 22 m. Birds flying below 22 m will not be hit by the rotor blades, although the turbulent created by the rotor blades may cause problems (Docket Item #76, pages 8, 12, 28-29). From the ground up 22 m begins the edge of the rotating blades with a RSZ of 116 m (for 2.32 GE towers), the area where bird strikes can occur. Looking at Table 1, the minimum diurnal flight height shows all species but the bald eagle would avoid flying into the moving blades. The maximum diurnal flight height, however, shows all species but seven will be within the RSZ diameter; the seven have a maximum height that is above the towers height of 138 m. There are

12 species with the mean height within the RSZ rotor diameter. There will be bird collisions on the major migration corridor that occurs on the Coteau each spring and fall if the Northern Divide Wind, LLC is completed.

Wulff et al. (2016) state: "**Our results indicated that raptors and wetland-associated species are the avian groups at greatest risk of collision with wind turbines at our study sites due to their diurnal flight heights. We found that the flight heights of six bird species varied among seasons, indicating their risk of collision changed throughout the year.** Flight heights tended to increase during summer for some passerines and killdeer, but sandhill crane exhibited risker flight heights during winter." (page 135)

"**To lessen the risk of turbine collisions by wetland associated birds, it may be prudent to avoid placement of wind turbines near playas and riparian systems. Mitigation of raptor fatality, however, may require additional considerations such as avoiding migratory routes,** distance to nesting and perching habitat (i.e., trees in grassland-dominated communities), and prey availability (Hoover and Morrison 2005; Marques et al. 2014)." (page 136) "Flight heights within or above the RSZ suggested that raptors and vultures may be a group at greater risk of collision with wind turbine blades than other species groups." (page 136)

The Coteau has abundant wetlands, thus this project site needs to be avoided by any commercial wind project. Then there are the migrating raptors; these authors state it may require avoiding migration routes. The Coteau is a major migration route and needs to be avoided by wind fields, including the Northern Divide Wind. To make matters worse, the Northern Divide Wind field traverses east and west, perpendicular to the migration path that is north and south.

"In the northern Great Plains, Osborn et al.(1998) also found that the majority of birds flew below the RSZ (21–51 m) and fewer (16–18%) birds flew in the RSZ; however, they observed that waterfowl and raptors were at greatest risk and passerines were at least risk of collision. We also observed few passerines in which their mean diurnal flight heights were within the RSZ (Table 1). However, **migratory flights during nocturnal hours**, which we were unable to observe, may be an important contribution to collision risk (e.g., Fijn et al. 2015)." (page 137)

"As indicated by flight heights, we found raptor and wetland-associated species were at greatest risk of collision with wind turbines in the southern Great Plains. In prairie regions, we recommend avoiding wind turbine placement in locations with high concentrations of trees and shrubs that provide nesting and perching habitat for many raptor species. We recommend avoiding wind turbine placement in areas of high raptor prey densities where raptors may concentrate to feed (e.g., prairie dog towns). Also, we recommend avoiding placement of wind turbines near playa wetlands because many wetland-associated species, which were at greater risk of collision due to their flight heights, concentrate around them to feed, roost, and nest." (page 138)

There are so many published reports about not establishing wind fields in high impact wildlife areas. We need to keep wind development off the Coteau and other high impact wildlife areas! The Coteau is an extremely high wildlife impact area for both nesters and migrants. The Northern Divide Wind, LLC project should be denied by the PSC

F. ebird Data of Wildwood Park (ebird/Hotspots/Wildwood Park Burke County/View Details/Recent Visits)

There are wooded habitats along the escarpment, some in wooded coulees. There is one in particular, open to the public, with extensive woody habitats with large green ash and aspen trees that has been explored by North Dakota birding experts. Table 2 gives an idea how frequently Wildwood Park is used for birding by birders who report their observations to the ebird's web site (shown above).

The Northern Divide Wind project borders this park with two turbines immediately adjacent. There is an intermittent water drainage that originates on the Coteau and drains through this woodland. Expert birders have been recording nesting and migrant bird use of this Park with excellent records. There were a total of 105 species observed North Dakota birders from Dec 17 to October 2019 (Table 3). Some of these species are rare to find in western North Dakota, including eastern species known to nest* in Wildwood Park:

Chestnut-sided Warbler *Dendroica pensylvanica*
Eastern Wood Pewee* *Contopus virens*
Spotted Towhee* *Pipilo maculates*
Morning Warbler *Oporornis philadelphia*
Philadelphia Vireo *Vireo philadelphicus*
Great Created Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*
Black-throated Blue Warbler *Dendroica caerulescens*
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher *Empidonax flaviventris*
Eastern Screech Owl *Otus asio*
Canada Warbler *Wilsonia Canadensis*
Bay-breasted Warbler *Dendroica castanea*
Blackburnian Warbler *Dendroica fusca*
Blue-headed Vireo *Vireo solitarius*
Eastern Phoebe *Sayornis phoebe*

From December of 2017 to October of 2019, known birders logged 36.55 hours, walking 18.78 miles (Table 2) to observe birds present at Wildwood Park, Burke County. This is not that many hours for over a two year period. This means there are a lot of bird species that use the Coteau and escarpment during their spring and fall migrations. Four mornings that highlight the number of species observed are in Tables 4 - 7. These birders have provided important data to show the diversity of species that use the Coteau during the spring and fall migrations, species that can be adversely affected by the Northern Divide Wind, LLC project.

Table 2. Wildwood Park visitor use by expert birders identifying nesting and migrating birds using the woody habitat, December 2017 to October 2019.

Year	Month	# of visits	# birders /month	Min # of spp observed
2017	Dec	1	1	3
2018	Jan	1	1	1
	May	3	3	15
	July	1	2	16
	Aug	3	10	53
	Sept	3	11	48
2019	Feb	1	2	4
	May	3	5	31
	Jun	1	3	37
	Aug	4	21	31
	Sept	2	5	42
	Oct	1	2	25

Table 3. List of bird species observed in Wildwood Park, Burke County from Dec 2017 to October of 2019. There were at least 105 species observed with Ron Martin, a renown expert birder, as one of main observer.

Species Observed

Double-crested Cormorant
American White Pelican
Baird's Sandpiper
Solitary Sandpiper
Sandhill Crane
Canada Goose
Mallard
Ring-necked Pheasant
Red-tailed Hawk
Swainson's Hawk
American Kestrel
Merlin
Turkey Vulture
Great Horned Owl
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Broad-winged Hawk
Morning Dove
Gull spp.
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker (yellow-shafted)
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher
Great Crested Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
Eastern Wood-Pewee
Eastern Kingbird
Horned Lark
Cedar Waxwing
Barn Swallow
Tree Swallow
Blacked-capped Chickadee
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
White-breasted Nuthatch
House Wren
Sedge Wren
Gray Catbird
American Robin
Swainson's Thrush
Ovenbird
Brown Thrasher
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Veery
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Warbling Vireo
Northern Waterthrush
Black-and-white Warbler
Tennessee Warbler
Morning Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart
Magnolia Warbler
Bay-breasted Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Canada Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Pal m Warbler
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
American Crow
Common Raven
Baltimore Oriole
Brown-headed Cowbird
Western Meadowlark
American Goldfinch
Pine Siskin
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Spotted Towhee
Vesper Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Harris's Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Spotted Towhee
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Eastern Screech-owl
Cooper's Hawk
Northern Harrier
Wilson's Phalarope
Great Blue Heron
Wislon's Snipe
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Black-billed Magpie
Lapland Longspur
Common Redpoll
Franklin Gull
Purple Martin
Brown Creeper
European Startling
Eurasian Collared-dove

Table 4
Ron Martin, Diana Dugall, Jack Lefor

Morning: 3 hr, 2 min, 1.5 mi

16-Jun-19

37 species observed

FALCONIFORMES	
Turkey Vulture	1
Swainson's Hawk	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1
Great Horned Owl	1
ANSERIFORMES	
Mallard	2
GALLIFORMES	
Ring-necked Pheasant	3
CHARADRIIFORMES	
gull spp.	1
COLUMBIFORMES	
Morning Dove	6
PICIFORMES	
Downy Woodpecker	1
Northern Flicker (yellow-shafted)	1
PASSERIFORMES	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	1
Least Flycatcher	50
Eastern Kingbird	1
Cedar Waxwing	5
Tree Swallow	4
Barn Swallow	1
Black-capped Chickadee	5
White-breasted Nuthatch	3
House Wren	25
Gray Catbird	4
Veery	4
American Robin	8

PASSERIFORMES continued	
Red-eyed Vireo	20
Black-and-white Warbler	5
Common Yellowthroat	2
Yellow Warbler	40
Western Meadowlark	1
Red-winged Blackbird	1
Brown-headed Cowbird	10
Baltimore Oriole	2
Common Grackle	5
American Goldfinch	30
Clay-colored Sparrow	15
Vesper Sparrow	5
Song Sparrow	20
Spotted Towhee	4
Savannah Sparrow	1
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2

Table 5

Ron Martin, Corey Ellingson, Jack Lefor

Morning: 3 hr, 7 min, 0.5 mi

21-Sep-19

42 species observered

FALCONIFORMES	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Broad-winged Hawk	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1
Merlin	1
ANSERIFORMES	
Canada Goose	5
PICIFORMES	
Hairy Woodpecker	2
Northern Flicker (yellow-shafted)	8
PASSERIFORMES	
Least Flycatcher	1
Cedar Waxwing	60
Barn Swallow	7
Black-capped Chickadee	6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5
White-breasted Nuthatch	3
House Wren	4
Sedge Wren	1
Gray Catbird	2
Brown Thrasher	1
Swainson's Thrush	1
American Robin	50
Blue-headed Vireo	1
Red-eyed Vireo	1
Philadelphia Vireo	1
Northern Waterthrush	1
Tennessee Warbler	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	50
Bay-breasted Warbler	1
Palm Warbler	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	50

PASSERIFORMES continued	
American Restart	1
Bobolink	1
American Crow	1
Common Raven	1
Pine Siskin	2
American Goldfinch	20
Chipping Sparrow	12
Fox Sparrow	1
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	6
Harris's Sparrow	1
White-throated Sparrow	25
Lincoln's Sparrow	5
Swamp Sparrow	1
Spotted Towhee	1

Table 6

Ron Martin, Corey Ellingson, Diana Dugall

morning: 4 hr, 56 min, 1.25 mi

8/19/2018

53 species observered

PELECANIFORMES	
Double-crested Cormorant	2
CHARADRIIFORMES	
Baird's Sandpiper	1
Solitary Sandpiper	2
FALCONIFORMES	
Red-tailed Hawk	2
Merlin	1
ANSERIFORMES	
Canada Goose	4
COLUMBIFORMES	
Morning Dove	12
PICIFORMES	
Downy Woodpecker	1
Hairy Woodpecker	4
Northern Flicker (yellow-shafted)	2
PASSERIFORMES	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	3
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	2
Alder Flycatcher	1
Least Flycatcher	31
Great Crested Flycatcher	1
Eastern Wood-Pewee	13
Eastern Kingbird	2
Cedar Waxwing	6
Barn Swallow	2
Blacked-capped Chickadee	6
White-breasted Nuthatch	2
House Wren	21

PASSERIFORMES Continued	
Gray Catbird	6
American Robin	11
Swainson's Thrush	2
Ovenbird	8
Blue-headed Vireo	1
Philadelphia Vireo	3
Warbling Vireo	8
Red-eyed Vireo	40
Northern Waterthrush	3
Black-and-white Warbler	18
Tennessee Warbler	14
Morning Warbler	9
Common Yellowthroat	1
American Redstart	22
Magnolia Warbler	5
Bay-breasted Warbler	4
Blackburnian Warbler	1
Yellow Warbler	37
Chestnut-sided Warbler	6
Blackpoll Warbler	2
Canada Warbler	4
Wilson's Warbler	7
Brown-headed Cowbird	1
Baltimore Oriole	3
Red-winged Blackbird	5
American Goldfinch	24
Chipping Sparrow	14
Clay-colored Sparrow	30
Song Sparrow	1
Spotted Towhee	5
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	13

Table 7

Ron Martin, Corey Ellingson, Diana Dugall

Morning: 2 hr, 59 min, 1.2 mi

9-Sep-18

48 species observed

PELECANIFORMES	
American White Pelican	235
GRUIFORMES	
Sandhill Crane	30
FALCONIFORMES	
Red-tailed Hawk	3
American Kestrel	1
ANSERIFORMES	
Canada Goose	2
COLUMBIFORMES	
Morning Dove	20
PICIFORMES	
Downy Woodpecker	1
Northern Flicker (yellow-shafted)	6
PASSERIFORMES	
Alder Flycatcher	1
Least Flycatcher	6
Eastern Phoebe	1
Horned Lark	1
Cedar Waxwing	10
Barn Swallow	2
Black-capped Chickadee	3
House Wren	4
Gray Catbird	4
Brown Thrasher	1
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1
Swainson's Thrush	3
American Robin	20
Ovenbird	2

PASSERIFORMES continued	
American Pipit	2
Blue-headed Vireo	1
Philadelphia Vireo	1
Warbling Vireo	1
Red-eyed Vireo	3
Black-and-white Warbler	1
Tennessee Warbler	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	5
Magnolia Warbler	1
Bay-breasted Warbler	1
Yellow Warbler	1
Blackpoll Warbler	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	12
Wilson's Warbler	2
American Redstart	2
Red-winged Blackbird	60
Common Grackle	8
Clay-colored Sparrow	45
White-crowned Sparrow	3
White-throated Sparrow	5
Savannah Sparrow	1
Chipping Sparrow	120
Spotted Towhee	2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4

G. Wildlife That Will Be Affected by Northern Divide Wind

Whooping cranes and piping plovers, from the Docket Item #76, page 12 and page 13:

> "There is one study that analyzes whooping crane data collected in the spring of 1990 through the spring of 2014 to determine their migration route through the Dakotas. This, published in 2018 (Niemuth et al. 2018), shows the most probable migration route whooping cranes will use through North Dakota and South Dakota. **The Burke Wind Project Area is squarely in the middle of the most probable migration route of the endangered whooping cranes** (see Figures 1, 3A, and 3B in the attached Niemuth et al. 2018 publication)."
>
> "I believe Smith and Dwyer (2016) may have presented a summary of how setting a wind field in a migratory corridor, like the Coteau, will affect specific species. They said 'Although both direct and indirect effects appear site-, species-, and infrastructure-specific, generalities across energy sectors are apparent. For example, large-bodied species with high wing loading and relatively low maneuverability appear to be especially susceptible to direct effects of tall structures, and the risk of collision is likely greater when structures are placed perpendicular to flight paths."
>
> "Whooping cranes with their large bodies fit this description, as well as eagles and others just listed. **The wind project is positioned on the Coteau, some of the highest elevations through central North Dakota squarely in the perpendicular flight path of this endangered crane."**

An above quote from Wulff et al. (2016), stated: "**Our results indicated that raptors and wetland-associated species are the avian groups at greatest risk of collision with wind turbines at our study sites due to their diurnal flight heights. We found that the flight heights of six bird species varied among seasons, indicating their risk of collision changed throughout the year."**

From the Docket Item #76, page 12**:**

> "Piping plover, an ESA threatened species, is a migrant and a nester on alkaline shorelines found throughout the Coterau. This species has been studied extensively. Their alkaline wetland shorelines are not common in the Project Area but they return each spring to fly about checking shoreline conditions for appropriate nesting and feeding conditions. These flights can occur across North Dakota, Montana, and southern Provinces of Canada checking out shorelines to locate appropriate nesting and feeding habitats. Once a territory has been selected, adults still fly about, sometimes visiting other feeding sights on other wetlands."

> **"Nesting season flights of the threatened piping plover, and their spring and fall migrations** to and from Canada, Montana, and North Dakota traverse **through the Coteau in Burke County. Turbines located on the Coteau will increase their chances of turbine collisions."**

Whooping cranes are endangered species (Docket #76 page 2), and piping plovers are a threatened, both are wetland-associated species, species shown at greater risk for impact, as shown in studies presented above.

H. Perhaps There Has Been a Lack of Intensive, Frequent Surveys Over a Period of Two or More Years

In the Northern Divide Wind plan submitted to PSC, the company identified the timing and frequencies of their field studies. Details are lacking but the summary is:

- Bi-weekly eagle use surveys were completed from April 2017 through March 2018
- General avian use surveys were completed from April 2017 through March 2018
- Eagle and raptor nest aerial surveys wer completed in April 2017
- Sharp-tailed grouse (*Tympanuchus phasianelilus*) lek surveys were completed in April 2017
- Breeding waterfowl use surveys were completed form May 2017 through July 2017
- Sensitive breeding grassland bird surveys were completed from June 2017 through July 2017
- Dakota Skipper surveys were completed in 2017 through 2019
- Desktop whooping crane (*Grus americana*) habitat assessment was completed in 2019
- Northern long-eared bat (NLEB; *Myotis septentrionalis*) habitat assessment was completed in 2019

Biological monitoring and surveys are needed in all habitats with many transects, point counts, or other methods on the entire project area and surrounding habitats over at least two years for accurate information of species population presence and use of the various habitats. Species fluctuate in occupancy based on many environmental measures from one year to the next. The approaches used to survey wildlife populations to determine presence and time of year, seems inadequate to fully learn the diversity of wildlife use across the project areas throughout different years. Wildlife populations fluctuate from year to year based on a variety of environmental variables so to monitor only one year is inadequate.

If a specific species needs specific information of whereabouts because it determines where turbines will be located, such as sharp-tailed grouse dancing grounds, then there is a need for very intensive surveys over more than one year, again due to fluctuating population numbers and difficulty in finding all the ground in the project area.

Sharp-tailed dancing grounds were not all located on the original Burke Wind project (see pages 3-4 in Docket Item #76). That was more than likely due to too few listening mornings in only one year for locating grounds. What might be surprising to some, grouse do establish dancing grounds in croplands, particularly at a site that once was a dancing ground. If there is some form of nesting habitat available, hens will come and the males will establish a dancing ground. Because intensive cropped lands are habitats so inadequate for these birds to survive in any large numbers, the number of dancing males may often only have two or three male displaying (I have searched intensive croplands on the glaciated plains southeast of Bowbells and found grounds in the past 10 years for a ND Game & Fish study.)

Every mile needs to have stops every quarter mile to stop and listen for grounds. In the mid-1960s, a Fish and Wildlife Service scientist M. Hammond, established listening methods to find grounds. There needs to be listening routes on mornings with low wind and no rain, stopping every quarter mile on trails and public roads, and where there are no roads, walking transects through roadless areas. This thorough survey needs to be run at least two years because of the fluctuation of grouse populations. We doubt the company's contractors completed such surveys, otherwise they would have found the three grounds we knew of within the project area, grounds that had over a dozen males on each. At least two of these ground locations would have altered where a turbine would have been placed.

Using this species as an example, were enough surveys conducted and repeated each spring in April, May and June across the project area to determine what species are present? These surveys need run over three years to get more accurate information.

I. Other Aspects of the Northern Divide Wind, LLC of Concern

What has not ever been addressed in the plans submitted to PSC is what will be done with the spent/worn-out 58-meter blades – all 222 of them. This can begin to happen in eight years. The fine fiberglass slowly wearing off the cutting edges of the blades, drifting across the landscape and landing who knows where and into who's lungs. We need to know now how and where the spent blades will be deposited:

- Will they be buried at the turbine site or someplace elsewhere into grasslands, croplands, under wetlands … where exactly will this be?
- Will they be cut up at the site (fiberglass drifting around?), hauled away and cut up?

There needs to be answers and plans for the disposal of these monster wind blades if any permit is approved. We, the people who live on the land need to have this knowledge so the current and future occupancies do not have to deal with these huge problems. The spent blades potentially will involve destruction of native habitats, and the safety concerns for North Dakota citizens where these blades will end up.

J. Last Comments

If there ever is an indication of the lack of rural support for commercial development on the landscape, it is when the local people take matters into their own hands. Many in rural parts of Burke County have been discouraged by their Burke County Commissioners decisions in approving the Burke Wind and Northern Divide Wind proposals. It seems they approved this without significant input from the people that will receive the impact from this development – the rural residences, particularly those who reside on the Coteau or near adjacent habitats. There are many people in Burke County that oppose the bladed wind turbines on their land. The approach used by Burke County commissioners to approve these wind projects has caused several Burke County's townships to develop their own ordinances for more control over big business establishments in rural areas.

One important issue is the safety of rural northwestern North Dakota residents in the difficult times of 2020. Northern Divide Wind, LLC wants to begin construction in May with completion of the project in November of 2020. We all understand the policies of "social spacing" during the novel coronavirus pandemic. Northwestern North Dakota has very few cases of Covid-19 disease caused by this virus. We desire the PS Commissioners to carefully consider how the influx of strangers from around the United States that will be brought into northwestern North Dakota to complete this project. There is a safety concern for Burke County rural and small town citizens of Burke County. Why would the state of North Dakota approve such activities when we are suppose to keep safe distances, and if we are returning from outside the area, we are to quarantine ourselves for at least 14 days?

K. Summary

Northern Divide Wind, LLC is not a green wind project. It has not avoided the high impact wildlife area known as the Coteau, a high glacier formed ridge that basically traverses across Burke County in a southeast-northwest direct. NextEra, through Northern Divide Wind LLC, has proposed 74 wind turbines placed in the western edge of the county's Coteau that is basically perpendicular to avian's in spring and fall migrations. The Coteau Preservation Alliance opposes the Northern Divide Wind, LLC, just as we opposed all the others in the same basic location for all the reasons presented in Docket #76 and those presented above in this report.

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My name is Henrik B Frandsen. I live 10225 96th st nw Noonan Nd. Divide county. 1/4 mile from Burke country. I will have 15 wind towers with in 3 miles of my house.
I was born and raised in Denmark (Europe) My birth home has 4 wind towers 3 times bigger then the towers we r talking about here. within 3/4 miles. We r talking wings on 150 meters. (450feet) tip to tip 900 feet.
They have no impact on wildlife. We have around 400 elk in the surrounding area lots of dear and 10000 of geese and ducks fly through every year.
I am definitely for the wind towers its good for farmers and landowners.
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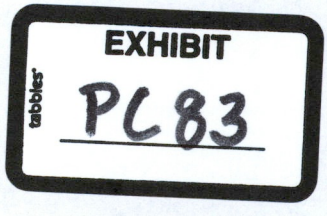

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NORTHERN DIVIDE WIND AND TRANMISSION

To: Public Service Commissioners:

Case No. PU-19-376

This letter is to share our opinion about the wind towers in Burke County. Townships including, Fay Keller, Harmonious, and Leaf Mountain.

We are both in favor of the project in Burke County. We will be the ones living and dealing with the project from start to finish. We have done some research on this project and feel there are more positive points for approval.

This will be a financial gain for Burke County in all aspects. Tax revenue for the county. There will be 5-7 full time jobs, with many full time-part time jobs during construction of the wind project. The county schools will gain more students. The businesses in Burke County will gain income. The many vacant houses in Burke County will be sold or rented during the building of the wind farm. This project will also help fill the many other vacant jobs in the area. Including teachers, nurses, store clerks, snow removal, lawn care services etc... The oil field in now in a downward spiral, these workers are looking to stay in the area. This project would give them an opportunity to get a good paying job.

We called Burke/Divide electric in Columbus, ND about what happens with the energy the wind towers generate. We were informed about 20% of the power Basin Electric buys is from wind energy. Basin Electric supplies power to Burke/Divide Electric. Wind towers will generate clean, low-cost energy.

We visited a wind farm in Center, North Dakota. We were able to drive within 200 yards of the wind tower; the noise level was very minimal. No birds were lying dead beside the towers. The roads to the towers were well maintained.

During the PSC meeting on April 17, 2020 I heard some concern about the bird population. Lynn was a postal rural route carrier in Crosby, North Dakota for 25 years. He was contacted by North Dakota game and fish to file a quarterly wildlife report. He would observe birds on the route and record the finding. He observed quite a few bald eagles on the rural route by Crosby, North Dakota. On our own property in the Northern Divide wind project, we have only seen a few bald eagles in the last 30 years. Most of the birds are using the area as a resting ground, not nesting.

Our land is only a few miles from the Wildwood park area which Karen Smith mentioned in her testimony. According to Tara Fox, (Next- era energy employee) no tower will be located near the Wildwood park. The closest tower will be in Fay township Sec. 31-162-93, which is in compliance with the setback regulations. Currently, Wildwood park includes and is surrounded by tillable acres. We are avid users of Wildwood park for hiking, snow shoeing and leisure activities. Our observation is there will be no disturbance in the park area for the wildlife. In comparison, which kills more birds: motor

vehicles, hunters, hawks, coyotes, fox, cats, clean windows. OR wind towers? We would say the first part is more of a wildlife killer than towers.

Currently, we have a small grain farm in the Northern Divide wind farm project area. If you take 10 acres at 50 bushel per acre equals 500 bushels times $20.00/per bushel equals $10,000.00. Minus expenses of labor, seed, fertilizer, equipment, fuel and taxes. I have seen $20.00 per bushel once in my lifetime. One wind tower equal $10,000.00, which is paid yearly. One wind tower is constant income and takes up less than 10 acres.

Lisa is employed at United States Customs and Border protection at Noonan, North Dakota. She talks to many Boundary Dam and Shan power plant employees. They are all worried about the cut back in coal power plants in Canada. There has been major lay off in the coal and power industry in Estevan, Sask. Canada. Boundary Dam is one of the leading coal plants with environmental clean air scrubbers. There is an existing transmission line that comes from these power plants in Canada to the United States that supplies energy to Basin Electric. If these power plants shut down, where will the electric power be generated from? WIND and SOLAR

In Closing, we believe the wind industries will be a win-win project for the entire area. The revenue generated will help all areas in Burke County. Schools, fire and ambulance, first responders, roads, and local land owners.

Please consider a **YES** vote for the Northern Divide Wind Farm Project.

Thank you in advance,

Lynn and Lisa Watterud

9707 County Rd. 6

Columbus, North Dakota 58727

SEC. 35-34-162-94- Keller township

SEC. 1 and 2 161-94-Harmonious township

North Dakota Public Service Commission,

I am writing this letter to share my 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. They have invested over $2.7 billion in the state, including 14 successfully operating wind projects.

Northern Divide Wind will create good-paying jobs – hundreds of construction jobs as well as full-time operational jobs. It would add considerably to the local economy. Over the first 30 years, it's 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.

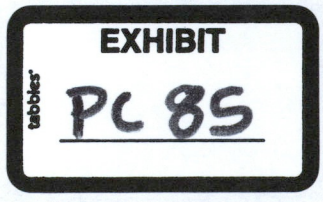
Some have questioned what wind turbines will mean for a farming community. Farmers across North Dakota and the country are finding wind turbines are not only compatible with farming operations - they're an important asset. Wind turbines take up very little land and they harvest the wind to create clean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

I support the Northern Divide Wind project. It will have a positive impact on Burke County and will generate clean, home-grown energy for years to come.

Sincerely,

Michael Powell - Fire District Chief

Columbus Rural Fire Protection District Inc



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I own property in Burke County. Here's the legal description:

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S1/2SE1/4) of Section 4, Township 159 North, Range 93 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Burke County, North Dakota.

The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 10, Township 159 North, Range 93 West of the 5th Principal Meridian , Burke County, North Dakota.

This is in reference to the Transmission Line.

NextEra wants to locate the Transmission Line through my property.

This is land my Grandfather homesteaded and land that I intend to remain in my family for generations.

I currently rent this farmland and I have verified with the farmers that this transmission line will not impact their farming whatsoever.

I'm in support of this wind farm as I'm a big proponent of renewable energy and utilizing North Dakota's wind to generate energy is a great idea. There will be lots of jobs available during construction and this project will definitely support local businesses.

NextEra is a very reputable company to work with and I have faith in their ability to build this wind farm within all the terms and guidelines that have been set forth. I know they have worked with Game and Fish and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to mitigate all concerns.

Again, I am in total support of this project.

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I am for this project. It means future Tax support, Income, clean Energy, and right To make decisions on my land use.

Respectfully
Arnold L. Jorgenson

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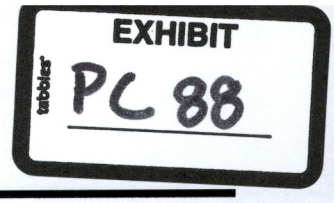

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From: Eberl, Stacy L.
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To: Hamre, John G.
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From: Joan Chrest <chrest@nccray.com>
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To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Responce to Northern Divide Wind meeting

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I watched the entire PSC meeting online on 4-17-20 regarding the Northern Divide Wind project.

I am a 72 year old widow living in Clayton township of Burke County. I have been staying in my home and haven't left my farm in over four weeks. My daughter from Minot has been delivering groceries to me during this unfortunate time of the Covid-19 pandemic. By bringing in 200 to 300 construction workers (the majority from out of state) may very well cause a huge outbreak of caronavirus in our county. You need to be aware that in our county over half of the citizens are 65 years of age and older, many with underlying and preexisting conditions. Therefore, I ask that you delay a decision on the Northern Divide Wind application. We have an ample power supply in our state and it is NOT ESSENTIAL to endanger lives by allowing this wind farm to be constructed at this time.

I have attended the Planning and Zoning meetings and Commissioner meetings dealing with NextEras application at the Burke County courthouse. I believe during your meeting on April 17th, Julie asked Lynn Brodal about the 4-2 vote by the planning and zoning commission. His reply was that their vote was based on personal opinion. That was not entirely true as I visited with two members of the board and was told they voted based on input they got from the county residents. Over 90% of the comments they received were against this project.
At the county Commissioners meeting the day they voted on NextEras Northern Divide application they opened the floor for comments from the public. One lady handed them a huge stack of cards that had been signed and dated with comments from county residents that were against this project. Not one of the commissioner even looked at them before they voted. I had to ask myself if their votes were based on what the majority of the county residents that they represent wanted or if it was on their own opinions.

Clay Cameron was asked during your meeting if they had removed the previous area (Burke Wind) from their plans. I recall that his answer was yes. But I question if they just removed the turbine locations or if they removed the contracts landowners signed. If indeed they still hold the contracts (leases) what will keep them from expanding their wind farm in the future if the current project is approved?

I know it was also stated that all workers coming onto the job sight would be checked to see if they are healthy. I found this laughable. How are the going to do that? He failed to explain how this would be accomplished.

I respectfully ask that you deny or delay this application until it is safe for the health of our county.

Gods blessings to you. Stay healthy!
Joan Chrest

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From: Hal Ross <halross64@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Northern Divide Wind Project.

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Dear Commissioners,

This is Hal Ross who lives in Burke Co. on the NE1/4 of Sec 24-161-90. I have lived here all my life on the family farm except when I went to NDSU back in the 70's. This letter is in regards to the Northern Divide Wind Project in Burke Co. Ever since this wind project started I have been in FAVOR of it. I have seen the population of Burke Co. decline substantially even with the Oil activity boom in the 90's. As of the last count we have less than 2,000people in the Co. In 1980 we had a population of around 4,000. We have had the opportunity to have this multimillion company come into our County. If we continue to deny the opportunity of this company to come into our County it will only decrease our population. I have farmed all my life and worked in the Bowbells bank for 30 years and retired 9 years ago. I still farm now full time with my son and grandson which I hope will be able to farm in Burke Co. in the future. He will be the 5th Generation Ross who farms in Burke Co.

When this Wind Turbine project started in 2018 there was a chance I would have had a wind tower on my 400 acre pasture along highway 8 in the Missouri Coteau hills. The pasture is located on Sec. 12 and 13-160-91. It was denied because it was determined by NextEra that it has native grass on it. I was disappointed but still am in favor of this wind project.

The Zoning and Planning Council and the Tax Commissioners have approved this project. I don't see why you would deny this project to one of the smallest lessor populated Counties in the State. I have heard no other wind tower companies will ever want to come to NW North Dakota. I can't stress the importance of approving this project and making it possible for Burke Co. to help benefit schools, emergency responders, veterans and so much more. It also benefits farm and ranch operations to increase their cash flows on times where they are struggling financially during this Covid 19 dilemma.

Burke Co. needs these wind towers to support our tax revenue. We are very sparsely populated and we are declining in population every year. Please vote YES on this important decision.

Thank You..

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To: North Dakota Public Service Commission

Commissioners Julie Fedorchak, Brian Kroshus, and Randy Christmann

re: Northern Divide Wind Project in Burke County

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The question that comes to mind in regard to this application for the Northern Divide Wind project in Burke County is: What is it that has really changed? First, the name has been changed. Second, there are now 74 turbines proposed compared to the 76 for the Burke Wind Farm that was previously denied by the PSC. Of these 74 turbines, 47 of the sites were previously permitted for the Burke Wind Farm (the same plan that was denied by the PSC). Third, this project does not include the eastern portion of the Burke Wind Farm, but now the 74 turbines have been condensed into a much smaller area which now only includes Harmonious, Keller, Leaf Mountain, and Fay townships. The footprint may be smaller, but the footprint is now much heavier. Therefore, the noise level and impact of this proposed wind farm will actually be greater in those four townships and surrounding area.

North Dakota citizens and their government officials have a duty to not only be good stewards of the land but also good stewards of the wildlife. We need to preserve the natural resources that we have while those resources are still here. This western portion of Burke County is covered with wetlands and wildlife habitat, and turbines will be a major problem for the migrating birds and the other birds that nest and live in this prairie pothole region. Birds do not pay any attention to manmade boundaries and will not calculate that they will have to fly around farther to the east of the wind farm or to the west in order to avoid the many turbines proposed. In the June 19, 2019 issue of the Burke County Tribune, the article about the Burke Wind Farm being denied quoted a Nov. 2017 letter from the North Dakota Game and Fish stating that NextEra "could not have picked a worse spot in the state," relating to the nature conservation in the Missouri Coteau region. Also in that same issue, another quote from a NDGF letter dated March 2019 said "Despite NextEra's efforts to minimize impact, their initial site selection and succeeding resolve to proceed in this extremely resource-rich landscape show poor resource regard

and should not be rewarded." This was dated only a year ago and this area is still an "extremely resource-rich landscape". The revised wind farm proposal will continue to be a huge detriment to the health of the birds and other wildlife of this Coteau region which extends from east to west across all of Burke County. The Northern Divide Wind farm has not changed or eliminated the endangering effects to the birds and other wildlife and will still fragment habitat in this critical region which the NDGF has cited will result from wind energy development. (See attached NDGF website info.) This is a prime wildlife area---let's protect it while we have it.

The turbines may also affect the health and well-being of the people who live near the turbines. Keep in mind that wind turbine farms are relatively recent and therefore there are not many years of research that have been done on the effects of sound, vibrations, and light flicker on people. Various locations in the US, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and Canada have reported turbine noises ranging from whooshing to chopping to low pitched thumping even on nights with little wind. These noises may be intolerable especially to people who are sensitive to noise because these people often have higher expectations of quiet since they live in peaceful areas and that is what they are accustomed to and enjoy. Therefore, noise from the wind turbine industry can cause stress, sleep loss, negative emotions, and related health impacts. (1,2) Wind turbines cause lower sound frequency than traffic. Frequency that is lower than 20 Hz or infrasound is not heard by the human ear and some studies have noted resulting symptoms of sleeplessness, fatigue, and irritability. (3) A study entitled "More Attention Must Be Paid to Harmful Effects" by Dr. Amanda Harry in England stated that people have more trouble with headaches, sleeping, and anxiety symptoms when they live near the wind turbines. In Mars Hill, Maine, Dr. Michael Nissenbaum compared residents who lived 3500 feet (2/3 mile) to those living 3 miles away from the 28 wind turbines located there. He found a clear correlation between the wind turbines and health complaints such as headaches, dizziness, stress, and depression. (4) After interviewing people from around the world, Dr. Nina Pierpont of New York named the health effects felt by people due to the turbines as "wind turbine syndrome". Along with the other symptoms previously mentioned, tinnitus, vertigo, nausea, tachycardia, and problems with concentration and memory were issues for people. (5) These health concerns are very real to the people who

experience them. The Northern Divide Wind Farm does not change or negate the possibility of future health issues to people who live near the turbines.

The health and welfare of the wildlife and all the people living in this area should be taken into consideration when making the decision about this proposed wind farm. Present and future generations of landowners in the vicinity of the wind farm will be adversely affected by the devaluation of property and reduction in the uses and enjoyment of their property. There is no financial gain for those who oppose the wind turbines and only negative consequences for the wildlife population. Another very prominent 2020 issue is the coronavirus pandemic. If the wind farm proceeds, people from out of the area will be working and living in Burke County and the surrounding areas. This part of the state has had very few confirmed cases of the coronavirus. Wind farm employees will pose a health and safety issue for those area citizens who are observing the social isolation recommendations. This would not be wise and truly throws caution and health safety to the wind.

These are just a few of the reasons to say "No" to NextEra's request for the Northern Divide Wind project. Please consider all the repercussions that will result from a wind farm located in the unique and distinctive Missouri Coteau region in Burke County and deny this permit application. Thank you.

Linda Kimball, Noonan, ND
Linda Kimball
Landowner in Leaf Mountain and Fay Townships

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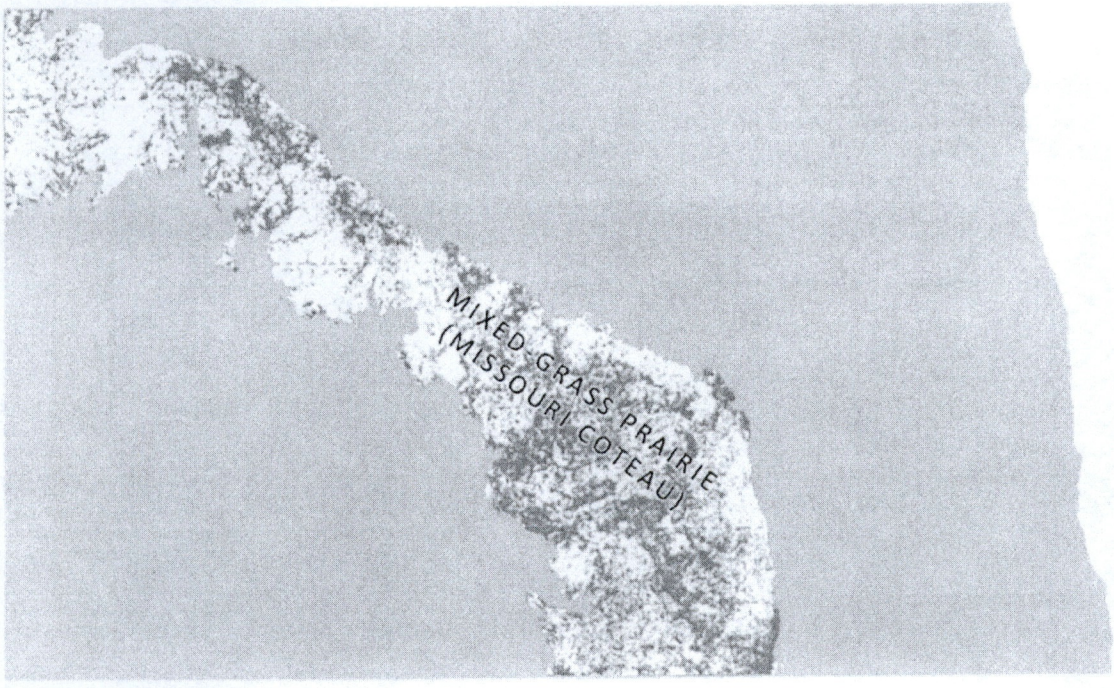
Mixed-grass Prairie (Missouri Coteau)



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Area: 10,215,000 acres or 15,960 mi²

Description and Overall Condition: This landscape component includes the mixed-grass prairie of the Missouri Coteau and associated wetlands. This region marks the boundary of the western limits of glaciation in North Dakota. The hummocky, rolling hills of the Missouri Coteau dramatically rise 150 to 500 feet above the Drift Prairie. A high concentration of wetlands are present, roughly 800,000 basin acres. Alkaline lakes are also more prevalent here.

Streams and rivers are nearly absent, as are upland deciduous forests but tracts of aspen parkland occur in the north. A considerable amount of native prairie remains and there is extensive cattle grazing. Areas of reduced slope, particularly the western edge, have been converted to cropland such as small grains, sunflowers, corn, and alfalfa hayland. The Coteau is known for supporting some of the highest numbers of breeding ducks in North America. Due to the large amount of grassland and wetlands which remain or have been restored, this area is especially crucial to many species of grassland wildlife and constitutes the focus area "Missouri Coteau Breaks." Much of the Coteau is classified as good to outstanding for wind energy potential, which could pose the threat of habitat fragmentation. Irrigation and new advances in cropland could allow for native prairie to be farmed. Oil and gas activity is established in the extreme northwest.

Predominant Natural Vegetation

Grasses

prairie junegrass, little bluestem, needle-and-thread, blue grama, green needlegrass, porcupine grass, prairie cordgrass, Northern reedgrass, plains muhly, Wastern wheatgrass, Kentucky bluegrass

Forbs

pasque flower, torch flower, yarrow, gumweed, golden aster, prairie rose, Missouri milkvetch, purple loco, lead plant, Indian breadroot, purple prairie-clover, gaura, hairy puccoon, harebell, goldenrod, smooth fleabane, perennial ragweed, purple coneflower, upland wormwood, green sage and fringed sage.

Associated Species of Conservation Priority

Birds

American bittern, northern pintail, lesser scaup, northern harrier, american kestrel, swainson's hawk, ferruginous hawk, sharp-tailed grouse, willet, upland sandpiper, marbled godwit, wilson's phalarope, franklin's gull, black tern, short-eared owl, loggerhead shrike, sedge wren, sprague's pipit, lark bunting, grasshopper sparrow, baird's sparrow, le conte's sparrow, nelson's sparrow, chestnut-collared longspur, dickcissel, bobolink, western meadowlark

Mammals

arctic shrew, richardson's ground squirrel

Reptiles/Amphibians

plains spadefoot, canadian toad, smooth green snake, plains hog-nosed snake

Insects

dakota skipper, monarch butterfly, regal fritillary

Other Characteristic Wildlife

Birds

American wigeon, green-winged teal, mallard, blue-winged teal, Northern shoveler, gadwall, lesser caup, red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, gray partridge, ring-necked pheasant, spotted sandpiper, killdeer, mourning dove, common nighthawk, Western

kingbird, Eastern kingbird, horned lark, American crow, Eastern bluebird, common yellowthroat, clay-colored sparrow, vesper sparrow, Savannah sparrow, Western meadowlark, brown-headed cowbird

Mammals

white-tailed jackrabbit, snowshoe hare, thirteen-lined ground squirrel, Northern pocket gopher, olive-backed pocket mouse, Western harvest mouse, deer mouse, Northern grasshopper mouse, prairie vole, meadow vole, meadow jumping mouse, coyote, red fox, raccoon, badger, striped skunk, white-tailed deer

Reptiles/Amphibians

Great Plains toad, Woodhouse's toad, Northern leopard frog, chorus frog, tiger salamander, plains garter snake, common garter snake, yellowbelly racer, bullsnake

For more detailed information about this topic, please see the North Dakota Wildlife Action Plan.

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Please Docket comments below for PU-19-376 and Pu-19-377. Thanks!

From: Yana Ness <mail@yananess.com>
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Dear North Dakota Public Service Commission,

I am a former Planning and Zoning Official and Senior Planner of Williams County, North Dakota, with years of education and experience in this field. I am also certified as LEED Green Associate (United States Green Building Council – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). One of areas of my expertise is sustainable development and planning. I was also a representative of Williams County in the Vision West Project – regional plan for sustainable development in Western North Dakota, and I am familiar with the initiatives for sustainable planning and development in the area.

I am a resident of Columbus, Burke County, North Dakota and I have evaluated the proposed "Northern Divide Wind Project", and I am writing you to express my support of this project.

During the times of major dependency on fossil fuels we need to consider the shift towards more sustainable sources of energy. As the "peak oil" (maximum extraction of petroleum, followed by decline) is approaching, it is very important to consider developments, which are able to provide alternative energy sources.

Wind turbines produce no environmental pollutants and emit no greenhouse gases. The wind supply of the US, in particular North Dakota and the area in question is abundant and inexhaustible. This will be one of the primary energy sources for the long-term development, when the fossil fuels reserves will decline and eventually will be gone. Wind-based energy extraction offsets the amount of electricity generation from fossil fuels, further reducing this amount, which results in the total reduction of environmental pollution and CO2 emissions.

Wind energy brings diversification to the economy, contributes to the shift towards a more sustainable economic development, creates new job market, addresses the energy needs not only short, but most important, long-term.

While planning wind energy projects, it is important to consider its impact to the existing environment and habitat. I have evaluated the initial project and the concerns regarding the potential negative impacts of the project to the natural

habitat, raised by North Dakota Game and Fist Department. I have further evaluated the proposed alternative project "Northern Divide Wind Energy".

The new project proposes relocation of turbines and the change of project boundaries. The location is now within the cropland areas, and the turbines are moved away from the areas with high concentration of natural habitat, such as pintail ducks. Northern Divide Wind has taken measures to ensure that the project will reduce the negative impact on the environment and habitat, as evident from the proposed project and its consideration of concerns of ND Game and Fish Department.

Northern Divide Wind furthermore voluntarily committed to the restoration of the native area, to mitigate the possible habitat loss and displacement. The company has entered into the agreement with ND Game and Fish Department by establishing Cooperative agreement and Memorandum, which constitutes the responsibility of the developer in regards to the site restoration to offset the possible negative impact, as well as commitment to keep developer's future projects outside of the area of Northern Missouri Coteau.

It is evident that the approach of Northern Divide Wind in development of this project is responsible, serious, committed and considers the development of wind farm in the balance with the environment and its habitat, thus working towards achievement of sustainability.

I am therefore supporting this project, and I am looking forward to see such a sustainable and well-thought development in the area.

I kindly ask you to confirm receipt of this e-mail.

With best regards,

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Dear Public Service Commission,

I wish to address this letter to the judge, commissioners and lawyers who are each part of the Public Service Commission, and present my opinion and testimony on the proposed wind farm project in Burke County. I listened to the entire meeting on April 17th and appreciate the dedication you all have towards making the best decision.

I, along with my husband, am a landowner in the Short Creek township (Section 31, along with several properties in the City of Columbus), residing within 7 miles of the nearest proposed wind turbine. While I do not own land within the project area, I do frequently enjoy Wildwood Park (Fay Township, Section 31), along with many other areas in the project area. I am also a taxpayer and have an interest in where my money is used and for what purpose.

I noted in the last PSC meeting that Mr. Clay Cameron did not recall specific reasons why people were opposed to the turbines, indicating just a general dislike. I would like to offer some clarity. My reasons to oppose the turbines include the following, in no specific order:

- Undue burdens placed on taxpayers for inefficient products
- Lack of documented financial & economic accountability by NextEra
- Irrevocable damage to the habitat for migratory birds
- Disturbance to all wildlife, including land animals, and the ecosystem

While I have other reasons as well, I will focus predominantly on the financial aspect, as I have not heard much in this regard. Before I begin, I will note that in the last meeting, Tammy Lucy had called to provide testimony. She stated that the original Game and Fish letter requested NextEra to move their project in its entirety, yet only 44 turbines were moved and 3 removed. I wish to reference an article from the US Fish and Wildlife Service on the effects wind turbines have on birds (https://www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/threats-to-

birds/collisions/wind-turbines.php See attached Appendix 1). According to their studies, we can expect to lose a minimum of 2.92 birds per turbine in our area per year, based on studies for the Great Plains, with a greater loss anticipated along migratory routes, including where the Northern Divide project is proposed. This estimate does not include bats. This would estimate upwards of 200 birds, many of which mate for life. That figure, along with the birds which will be displaced and those which have already been displaced by the Lindahl and potentially the Aurora wind farms in Tioga, makes for a devastating toll on our avian population. An article regarding the Altamont Pass Wind Farm in California, directly involving NextEra and the Audubon Society (https://www.santacruzsentinel.com/2011/08/29/altamont-pass-wind-farm-gets-major-upgrade/, Appendix 2) pointed out the money spent to replace the turbines due to the high mortality rate on birds. That estimate provided that approximately 10,000 birds were killed per year by 6,000 turbines, approximately 1.66 birds. This article was from 2011 and the Park District deemed the number of birds killed to be unacceptable, yet we should accept turbines which the ratio of bird deaths per turbine is higher? We have to consider that this is not the only wind farm in the area and while NextEra may not build additional facilities, other companies are also attempting construction. We can only displace so many birds before they run out of habitat and their numbers begin to decline in the area. They do not have the ability of constructing high density housing like humans and shopping online when their food sources run out because they are overcrowded. We have learned to adapt, but these animals are at our mercy.

I will now turn my focus on the financial aspect and begin with a short background of myself. I was born in Southwest Washington and lived in Oregon and Washington until I moved here 4 years ago. I joined the electrical union in Portland, Oregon and completed a 4 year apprenticeship as a Limited Energy Electrician. (There is no license for it in North Dakota but in Oregon and Washington, a license is mandatory.) During the next 15 years, I worked as a contractor and foreman at many substations associated with wind farms to provide fiber optic security and communications lines. Most projects were for PGE (Portland General Electric) and BPA (Bonneville Power Administration). I began learning about the wind turbines' steady draw of power from the grid. Blades need to be kept in constant motion so when there is a wind, they can accelerate.

The blades are too heavy to begin rotating from a dead stop. The substations built for the wind farms have heat, lighting, servers and other equipment which also require constant power. I would like to see documentation (not verbal statements) showing how much electricity a wind farm in the Midwest produces and how much it draws from the grid when it isn't producing enough to support itself. More than one example should be provided.

When I moved to Oregon in 2002, I had the option of signing up for Green Mountain energy, a "clean and green" way of utilizing wind as part of my residential electricity usage. A native from one of the most progressive areas of the country for alternative energy, recycling, and environmental awareness, I was convinced this was forward thinking. I paid slightly more for my electricity to utilize this power source but that didn't bother me as I believed I was doing my part to make our world better; however, after I worked at the substations and wind farms, my perspective began to change. What I believed was the future for less pollution turned out to be grimly disappointing. Many environments are disturbed; habitats destroyed; plastics, metals, toxins and chemicals used in the creation of wind systems; pollution created with fuel for transportation and backup power systems (which are sometimes gas plants). All this and more create adverse effects in return for an inconsistent power supply. I was paying extra for this fickle source of power with my monthly utility bill, not to mention what I paid in taxes.

Which brings us to the epitome of my focus—subsidies. Many companies like NextEra are given thousands, millions, even billions of dollars in subsidies and bailouts from the federal, state and local governments. When I refer to NextEra, I will be referring to them as a parent company and intending to include all their subsidiary companies. According to Good Jobs First Subsidy Tracker (https://subsidytracker.goodjobsfirst.org/prog.php?parent=nextera-energy, Appendix 3), NextEra received over 2.6 billion dollars in subsidies and 3.1 billion dollars in federal loans or guarantees between 2007 and 2012, a five year period. Good Jobs First references its information from several government websites including the US Department of the Treasury (https://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/recovery/Pages/1603.aspx), usaspending.gov, and US Government Accountability Office (gao.gov). The link on the Treasury Department site provides a 324 page spreadsheet of awards to

alternative energy companies totaling over $26 billion, predominantly in a 6 year period. These figures are for payments made by the Treasury Department alone and do not include those awards given directly by the Department of Energy, Department of Commerce, state and local governments, etc. These sites provide the taxpayers with accounts of where our money is being spent.

I also worked with the Energy Trust in Oregon, submitting LEED certification documentation for buildings which were renovated with high efficiency lighting. This provided our customers with kickbacks for upgrading to "cleaner and greener" systems. The kickbacks were the driving force behind the projects, as upgrades would not likely have been done without a financial incentive. The new projects meant limited selections of qualifying lighting options and much waste generated for the landfill. The Treasury Department, Department of Energy, Department of Commerce, and many other government agencies provide subsidies and kickbacks which would otherwise make these projects undesirable to companies or individuals.

I also understand wind turbines rarely live out a 30 year lifespan (NextEra's current projection for the Northern Divide Wind project), and require added cost for replacing (https://www.americanexperiment.org/2018/06/limited-lifespans-wind-turbines-result-higher-costs-energy/, Appendix 4). According to the Institute for Energy Research (https://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/ptccost/, Appendix 5), a full study report which is downloadable at this link, the actual cost of the turbine is significantly higher than the projected cost. Again, documentation (not verbal projections) is necessary for a couple wind farms showing similar wind turbine life spans, number of replacements and associated costs. We spend money for this as taxpayers and need accountability.

Randy Simmons, Professor of Political Economy, Utah State University, wrote an article referencing NextEra among many other big companies who are the true beneficiaries of these turbines (https://theconversation.com/wind-costs-more-than-you-think-due-to-massive-federal-subsidies-38804, Appendix 6). I concur with his studies in regards to companies receiving subsidies or loan guarantees. The majority of individuals in support of these projects are those who will be receiving payments for turbines on their properties, or are unaware of how these are funded.

Let's talk about jobs. I also understood Mr. Cameron to say that this would only provide 5-7 full time new positions, to be allocated between onsite and remote operations. He said some monitoring could be done utilizing SCADA software from their remote facility in Florida and that these new positions would be dedicated to this project, not shared with others. That being the case, there would be fewer than 5-7 onsite personnel. He also estimated 200-300 jobs lasting for a 6 month duration, with Mr. Lucas Franco estimating less than 10% local labor (which he defined as a 150 mile radius) being used. Mr. Steve Cortina estimated only 6-7% of local workforce had been used at the Emmons Logan facility in North Dakota. With that being understood, this would have no significant benefit to our job economy. The oil booms in North Dakota brought in thousands of people from all over the country and benefited many areas, but when they subsided, many towns (including those surrounding the Northern Divide Wind project area) suffered, returning to pre-boom conditions, and are surviving only on the oil and gas lease revenue.

With the amount of improved technology we have seen in the last 20 years (e.g., cell phones, TVs, drones, etc.), wind turbines should have also advanced considerably. It's not a lack of money, as billions of dollars are being spent. Yet according to a 2017 study by the US Energy Information Administration (https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=31032, Appendix 7), only approximately 8% of our energy used is from wind. If wind farm technology cannot advance to be more beneficial to our society and less destructive financially, though greenhouse gases produced in its manufacture and shipping, and by shrinking our ecosystem, it's time to stop putting money towards a bad product. In the same way I would not pay my neighbor to set garbage on his lawn, I would not willingly pay to support another wind farm.

I respectfully ask each of you to decline this wind farm, and any others which would do more harm than good. I also thank you for your dedication, hard work, and for reading my testimony.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie Post



Wind Turbines

What is the issue?

Renewable energy sources such as wind energy are increasingly being relied upon to help meet nationwide energy demands. The Department of Energy (DOE) has a stated goal of wind energy sources contributing 20 percent of the nation's total energy need by 2030. In 2015, some 49,000 wind turbines located in 39 states supplied about 5 percent of the nation's electricity demand. It is projected that with new technology, wind energy development will expand into areas not currently being explored, and that by 2030 nearly all 50 states will have wind energy facilities.

Estimates of bird/turbine collision range widely and all of the studies attempting to quantify this contain some level of bias and uncertainty. The most comprehensive and statistically sound estimates show that bird deaths from turbine collisions are between 140,000 and 500,000 birds per year. As wind energy capacity increases under the DOE's mandate (a six-fold increase from current levels), statistical models predict that mean bird deaths resulting in collisions with turbines could reach 1.4 million birds/year.

Why does this happen?

The risk of a bird collision with a wind turbine is influenced based on facility location (including turbine placement), turbine design, and how birds move across the landscape.

Turbine Location

Siting of wind energy facilities at both the landscape-level and project-level scales is deemed a critical element in reducing bird/turbine collision risk. Available data indicate that some regions are higher risk than others. Bird/turbine collisions in California are estimated to be an average 7.85 birds/turbine/year, higher than in the East (6.86 birds/turbines/year), the West (4.72 birds/turbine/year), and the Great Plains (2.92 birds/turbine/year).

At the landscape scale, mortality risk may increase near migratory routes, in areas with high concentrations of birds, along rivers and ridgelines, or near coastlines. How birds use the landscape also influences the level of exposure to turbine collision risk. For example:

- Birds in soaring flight are unable to maneuver well and may be unable to avoid the turbine if soaring within the rotor swept zone.
- Birds that move during the daytime fly at lower heights and may be at higher risk of flying into the rotor swept zone than birds flying at night.
- Birds have lower flight heights and can congregate near summits and steep slopes or open habitats (areas where turbine placement is common) while searching for food, increasing their risk of collision with turbines.

Over 200 species of bird have been documented as killed by collision with wind turbines. Passerines (i.e., songbirds) (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Songbird) are most commonly reported, followed by raptors that hunt by day such as hawks (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawk), eagles (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eagle)and falcons (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Falcon). Although fatality rates for raptors may be lower compared to passerines, raptors are especially vulnerable to collisions due to their flight behaviors. Given the life history traits of raptors (i.e., long-lived and low reproductive rates) their populations are more at risk of decline from the number of different sources of impacts that affect these species on a daily basis.

Habitat impacts are also a major concern with wind energy facilities as they are often large developments that, if improperly placed, may cause a loss or fragmentation of habitat that species frequently use or depend on for survival. Knowing where certain birds are and when, and siting facilities to avoid high movement or occurrence areas can make a big difference in avoiding and reducing bird impacts.

Turbine Design

Collision risk is primarily influenced by turbine and blade tip height, but also tower type. Current turbine heights (i.e., the combination of the tower and the blades at maximum height) range from 475 to 639 feet. Bird collisions increase with turbine height because as turbines increase in size, the blades reach higher into the average "flight zone" of nocturnal migrating birds. Therefore, with the expected development of taller turbines, increased bird collisions are likely. Additionally, data suggest that bird collisions may increase with tall structures that are greater than 350 feet above ground level.

Additional studies have found that raptors that migrate by day and some landbirds fly at much lower altitudes than previously thought. Based on data from other structures, shorter structures (e.g., turbines compared to communication towers) pose a greater risk to birds moving around locally or migrating during the day compared to taller structures that take more bird species moving during the night. Older style turbines were made with lattice towers, which compared to monopole designs have an increased risk of causing bird/turbine collisions.

What are some solutions?

At present, once wind turbines are built, there are very few measures that can be implemented to avoid or minimize the collision risk. Turbine lighting may reduce attraction, however one study found no difference in bird impacts between lit and unlit turbines, suggesting that lighting may not be the driving factor behind bird/turbine collisions.

Reducing the quality of habitat and removing carrion may reduce the attraction of local individuals from the wind facility and lower exposure risk, but this may not reduce the risk to birds migrating during the day and night.

Ensuring proper siting of wind facilities is the first step in minimizing bird/turbine collision risk. The Service is exploring a standard, scientifically supported method for proper siting.

For more information about the impact of energy development on wildlife, the Service's role in reviewing energy development projects, and recommendations for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds and bats from wind development, visit the Service's Ecological Service's Energy Development website (https://www.fws.gov/ecological-services/energy-development/energy.html) and the Service's Midwest Wind Energy Development (https://www.fws.gov/midwest/wind/wildlifeimpacts/index.html) website.

For more information about measures and guidance for avoiding and minimizing impacts to migratory birds, visit the Conservation Measures (https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php) and Guidance Documents (https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/guidance-documents.php) webpages.

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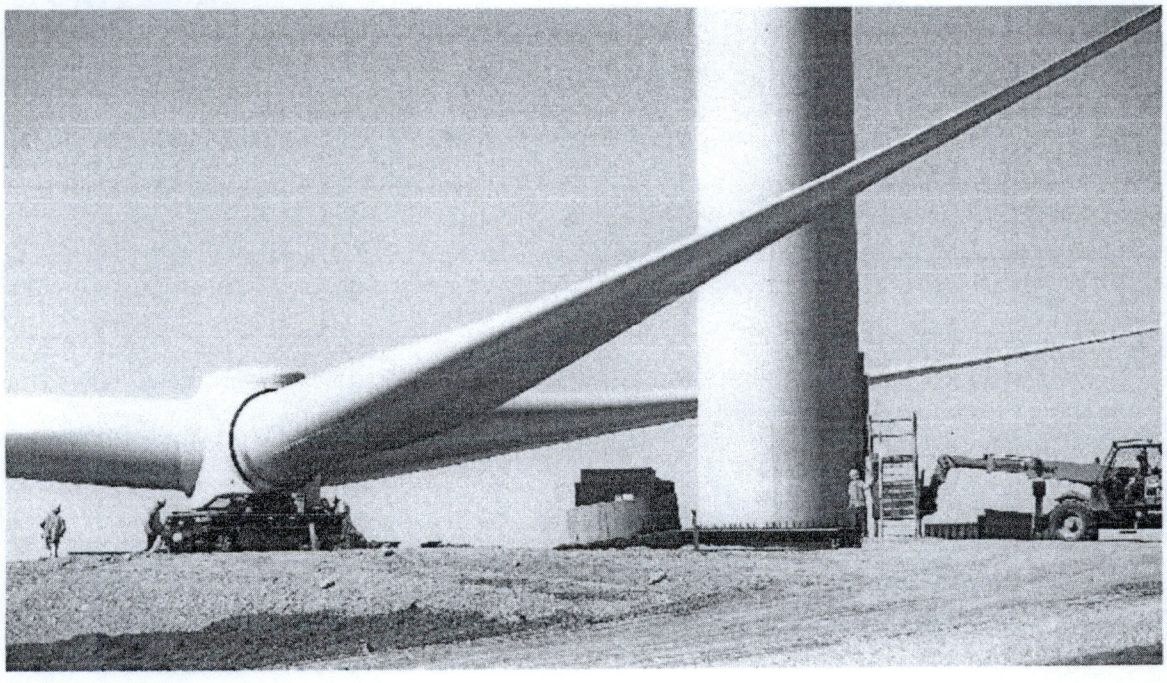
Altamont Pass wind farm gets major upgrade



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For years, environmentalists have raised alarms about the slaughter of red-tailed hawks, golden eagles and other raptors that have fallen victim to the whirling blades of thousands of wind turbines along the Altamont Pass in eastern Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Now the most iconic wind farm in California is getting a major upgrade that promises to drastically reduce the number of bird deaths.

Nearly 2,000 of the 4,000 wind turbines in operation, many of which are nearly 30 years old, will be replaced over the next four years with about 100 huge state-of-the-art turbines that — at 430 feet — stand taller than the tallest coastal redwood trees. For every new turbine installed, 23 of the old ones will be removed — a dramatic drop expected to significantly reduce the number of birds killed each year.

The 50,000-acre Altamont Wind Resource Area, one of the nation"s oldest wind farms, serves as a functioning museum of wind technology. Many of the older 100-foot-tall turbines are clustered closely together on ridges, each generating anywhere from 50 kilowatts to 750 kilowatts of power at peak production. Each of the new turbines, manufactured by Siemens, generates 2.3 megawatts of electricity — enough to power 600 to 700 homes per year.

"It"s almost a complete revolution in the way that you capture the wind," said Anthony Pedroni of NextEra Energy Resources, which owns about half of the wind turbines in the Altamont Wind Resource Area and is doing the upgrade. "The new turbines are 430 feet tall from the base to the tip of the blade, and the higher you go the faster the wind speeds are."

The Altamont Pass was first developed for wind power in the late 1970s, and at one point had nearly 6,000 turbines in operation. Much of the hilly land is owned by cattle ranchers who lease wind rights.

But the Altamont, which captures strong winds off the Pacific Ocean, is also a key migratory corridor and wintering spot for raptors. Studies have tried to quantify how many bats and birds are killed by turbines in the Altamont each year, but the task is difficult because scavengers often eat the corpses.

Shawn Smallwood, a renowned expert on birds and wind turbines, estimated that about 2,000 raptors are killed each year, along with as many as 8,000 other birds and bats. Young birds learning to fly are particularly vulnerable.

"Any way you look at the mortality data, there"s been a tremendous impact on birds," said biologist Doug Bell, manager of the East Bay Regional Park District"s wildlife program. "I"ve found birds sliced in half. You see all kinds of blunt force trauma."

For more than a decade, wind companies and local chapters of the Audubon Society have struggled to find a compromise that maintains wind generation while reducing bird deaths. In December, Californians for Renewable Energy, five Bay Area chapters of the Audubon Society and the California Attorney General"s Office reached an agreement with NextEra to "repower" the Altamont area with taller mega-turbines that some say could reduce the bird mortality rate by 80 percent.

NextEra has hired Smallwood as a consultant, and he is helping place the turbines to minimize bird deaths. Discussions with other wind developers in the area are ongoing.

"Birds and turbines are always an issue," said Michael Lynes, conservation director of the Golden Gate Audubon Society. "The best way to reduce avian mortality while keeping wind power in the Altamont is repowering with fewer turbines, and this is a step in the right direction. But we"re always sober about it, because there will still be impacts to birds and bats."

The older turbines were built with a lattice structure that created many perching areas for raptors to hunt from, putting them in proximity to the blades. The new turbines are mounted on monopole towers that don"t have perching areas, which should help keep birds safely away from the turbines.

"When they are diving and swooping down on their prey, they"re not focused on turbines," Lynes said.

NextEra"s repowering project will be done in three phases and is scheduled to be completed by 2015. The first phase is near Vasco Road and the Los Vaqueros Reservoir in Brentwood.

The sleek new turbines are majestic giants towering over the aging relics they are replacing. On a recent morning, a construction crew used a 315-foot-tall crane to lift a 180,000-pound unit that contains the gear box and generator to the top of the tower. Each of the three blades on a turbine is 150 feet long, nearly the width of a football field. In high winds, the tips of the blades spin at 180 miles per hour.

Besides replacing turbines, NextEra will remove 6.5 miles of overhead electrical lines and about eight miles of road, allowing the land to return to a more natural state. The project also is creating union construction jobs: About 135 people have been hired.

Wind energy advocates say the collaboration between NextEra and environmental groups to reduce bird mortality marks an important milestone.

"Wind energy on a commercial scale was born in the Altamont," said Nancy Rader, executive director of CalWEA, the California Wind Energy Association. "Our understanding of its environmental impacts has evolved just as much as the technology has."

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Subsidy Tracker Parent Company Summary

Parent Company Name: NextEra Energy

Ownership Structure: publicly traded (ticker symbol NEE)

Headquartered in: Florida

Major Industry: utilities and power generation

Specific Industry: utilities

Subsidy Summary	Subsidy Value	Number of Awards
State/Local	$396,878,669	20
Federal (grants and allocated tax credits)	$2,300,390,683	31
TOTAL	**$2,697,269,352**	**51**

Loan / Bailout Summary	Total Face Value	Number of Awards
State/Local loans, bond financing and venture capital	**$0**	**0**
Federal loans, loan guarantees and bailout assistance (not including repayments)	**$3,113,600,000**	**4**
TOTAL	**$3,113,600,000**	**4**

Time Period for State and Local Awards:

Earliest year of data: 2007. Availability of data for earlier years varies greatly from program to program. The majority of the listings for this parent company are for the period since 2012.

Time Period for Federal Awards:

FY2000 to the present

Notes:

Dollar totals do not include awards for which no subsidy value is disclosed.

Associated Names:

ASHTABULA WIND; BALDWIN WIND; CRYSTAL LAKE WIND; DAY COUNTY WIND; DESERT SUNLIGHT; ELK CITY WIND; FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT; FPL; GARDEN WIND; GENESIS SOLAR; MINCO WIND; NEXTERA ENERGY; NEXTERA ENERGY AND SUBS; NEXTERA ENERGY EQUITY PARTNERS LP; NEXTERA ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS LP; NORTH SKY RIVER ENERGY; NORTHERN COLORADO WIND; PERRIN RANCH WIND; RED MESA WIND; SEC BESD Solar One, LLC; TUSCOLA BAY WIND; VASCO WINDS; WHITE OAK ENERGY

Links:

For a summary of this company's regulatory violations see its Violation Tracker summary page here.

For an overview of political contributions associated with this company, see its Follow the Money page.

Top 5 States for state/local awards	Total Subsidy $	Number of Awards
Oklahoma	$294,222,430	7
Texas	$47,623,180	2

Top 5 States for state/local awards	Total Subsidy $	Number of Awards
Colorado	$41,544,654	5
Oregon	$11,356,382	2
Illinois	$1,614,890	2
All other	$517,133	2

Individual Subsidy Records:

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Company	Location	Subsidy Source	Year	Subsidy Value	Loan/Bailout Value	Type of Subsidy
Genesis Solar, LLC	United States	federal	2014	$306,240,000		federal grant
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	United States	federal	2010	$200,000,000		federal grant
Desert Sunlight 300	United States	federal	2015	$198,104,953		federal grant
Desert Sunlight 250	United States	federal	2015	$162,363,054		federal grant
FPL Energy Illinois Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2010	$137,256,969		federal grant
Florida Power & Light Company	United States	federal	2011	$123,767,270		federal grant
NEXTERA ENERGY CAPITAL HOLDINGS INC	Oklahoma	state	2015	$119,334,074		tax credit/rebate
NEXTERA ENERGY CAPITAL HOLDINGS INC	Oklahoma	state	2014	$103,237,835		tax credit/rebate
North Sky River Energy, LLC	United States	federal	2013	$100,923,890		federal grant
Northern Colorado Wind Energy, LLC	United States	federal	2009	$99,900,326		federal grant
White Oak Energy, LLC	United States	federal	2011	$98,706,750		federal grant
Garden Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2010	$82,016,590		federal grant
Tuscola Bay Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2013	$68,668,791		federal grant
Florida Power & Light Company	United States	federal	2010	$62,371,777		federal grant
Elk City II Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2011	$61,880,803		federal grant
NEXTERA ENERGY CAPITAL HOLDINGS INC	Oklahoma	state	2016	$60,849,970		tax credit/rebate
Red Mesa Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2011	$58,412,982		federal grant
Baldwin Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2011	$55,979,118		federal grant
Vasco Winds, LLC	United States	federal	2012	$54,969,957		federal grant
FPL Energy Stateline II, Inc	United States	federal	2010	$54,857,251		federal grant

Company	Location	Subsidy Source	Year	Subsidy Value	Loan/Bailout Value	Type of Subsidy
Day County Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2010	$54,518,743		federal grant
Minco Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2011	$54,066,194		federal grant
Perrin Ranch Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2012	$51,684,962		federal grant
Elk City Wind	United States	federal	2010	$50,248,277		federal grant
NextEra Energy Montezuma II Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2012	$50,101,558		federal grant
Crystal Lake Wind III, LLC	United States	federal	2010	$36,072,814		federal grant
FPL Energy Horse Hollow Wind GP LLC	Texas	local	2007	$35,334,670		property tax abatement
Ashtabula Wind III, LLC	United States	federal	2011	$31,437,330		federal grant
FPL Energy Montezuma Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2011	$22,743,824		federal grant
Northern Colorado Wind Holdings, LLC	Colorado	state		$14,753,704		tax credit/rebate
FPL Energy Horse Hollow Wind GP LLC	Texas	local	2007	$12,288,510		property tax abatement
FPL Energy Maine Hydro, LLC	United States	federal	2012	$11,566,467		federal grant
Northern Colorado Wind Holdings, LLC	Colorado	state	2016	$10,569,359		tax credit/rebate
FPL ENERGY STATELINE II, INC	Oregon	state	2012	$10,000,000		tax credit/rebate
Northern Colorado Wind Holdings, LLC	Colorado	state	2015	$8,766,907		tax credit/rebate
Northern Colorado Wind Holdings, LLC	Colorado	state	2016	$6,848,225		tax credit/rebate
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY	United States	federal	2010	$5,000,000		federal grant
Crystal Lake Wind II, LLC	United States	federal	2010	$4,195,533		federal grant
NEXTERA ENERGY EQUITY PARTNERS LP	Oklahoma	local	2015	$3,241,423		tax credit/rebate
NEXTERA ENERGY EQUITY PARTNERS, LP	Oklahoma	local	2015	$3,241,422		tax credit/rebate
NEXTERA ENERGY OPERATING PARTNERS, LP	Oklahoma	local	2015	$3,241,422		tax credit/rebate
NextEra Energy Resources LLC	Oregon	state	2012	$1,356,382		property tax abatement
SEC BESD Solar One, LLC	United States	federal	2012	$1,110,727		federal grant
Nextera Energy	Oklahoma	state	2016	$1,076,284		property tax abatement
FPL Energy Illinois Wind, LLC	Illinois	state	2013	$823,085		tax credit/rebate
FPL Energy Illinois Wind, LLC	Illinois	state	2010	$791,805		tax credit/rebate
FPL Energy Green Power Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2011	$777,827		federal grant
NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc.	Colorado	state	2017	$606,459		tax credit/rebate
FPL Energy Cabazon Wind, LLC	United States	federal	2012	$445,946		federal grant
FPL Energy LLC (via city of Story City)	Iowa	state	2008	$300,000		infrastructure assistance

Company	Location	Subsidy Source	Year	Subsidy Value	Loan/Bailout Value	Type of Subsidy
FPL Energy Operating Services, Inc.	Iowa	state	2009	$217,133		training reimbursement
Genesis Solar, LLC	United States	federal	2011		$852,000,000	federal loan or loan guarantee
DESERT SUNLIGHT 300, LLC	United States	federal	2011		$800,600,000	federal loan or loan guarantee
DESERT SUNLIGHT 300, LLC	United States	federal	2015		$800,600,000	federal loan or loan guarantee
DESERT SUNLIGHT 250, LLC	United States	federal	2011		$660,400,000	federal loan or loan guarantee
FPL Energy Illinois Wind, LLC	Illinois	state	2009	undisclosed		tax credit/rebate
FPL Energy Upton Wind I LLC	Texas	state	2008	undisclosed		property tax abatement
NextEra Energy Resource	Texas	state	2010	undisclosed		training reimbursement
FPL Energy Upton Wind I, LP (ASSIGNED on 12/22/00 from Upton Wind LP)	Texas	local	2009	undisclosed		tax credit/rebate
FPL Energy Callahan Wind LP & Boulevard Associates LLC (No RZ Info on File)	Texas	local	2009	undisclosed		tax credit/rebate
Nextera Energy Inc & Subs	West Virginia	state	2010	undisclosed		tax credit/rebate

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Limited Lifespans of Wind Turbines Result in Higher Costs of Energy

Written by Mitchell Rolling

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Have you ever read that wind energy "is the cheapest energy source available?"

These claims are based on cost-estimates that assume the lifespan of wind turbines to be 30 years. However, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), the lifespan of wind turbines is about 20 to 25 years.

In Iowa, wind turbines are reaching the end of their lives even faster as MidAmerican Energy plans to repower turbines constructed in 2004, merely 14 years after they were installed.

To make matters worse, these cost-estimates attribute 30-year lifespans to every power plant – not just wind turbines – even though coal, nuclear, natural gas, and hydroelectric plants can generate electricity for more than 50 years.

Because these reports only look at a 30-year window, they fail to account for the additional spending necessary to repower a wind turbine and extend its life. According to a report conducted last year, investments in repowering these turbines will exceed $25 billion by 2030 in the United States.

By not factoring in this additional spending, these reports not only underestimate the true cost of wind energy, but overestimate the cost of power plants capable of generating electricity for more than 30 years.

In other words, these cost-estimates tell us is that *wind energy would be the cheapest source of energy if all power sources produced electricity for a similar period of time...* but they don't.

Additionally, because wind turbines can only produce energy when the wind is blowing, they generate electricity less frequently than other generation sources. In Minnesota, wind farms produced electricity only 34.67 percent of the time in 2016.

This is far lower than coal at 56.9 percent, hydropower at 64 percent, and nuclear at 84.6 percent. Natural gas plants are utilized at a lower rate of 17.6 percent in Minnesota, but this is because natural gas is used often used as a "backup" source of electricity when the wind isn't blowing.

As wind turbines grow older, their utilization rates become even worse, dropping at a rate of 1.6 percent each year – which eventually requires the turbine to be repowered.

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This means that we get less bang for our buck from wind turbines as time goes on. Although other power plants become less efficient over time as well, upgrades to improve the efficiencies of these facilities happen much later in their lives. Repowering wind turbines increases efficiency, but only for another 20 to 25 years until they need to be repowered once again.

Minnesota has invested more than $15 billion on wind energy, and the limited lifespan of wind turbines means the state will soon have to spend even more money just to update the wind turbines we already have.

This is exactly what Xcel Energy has planned to do, recently requesting for another Power Purchase Agreement that will cover repowering wind farms in northwest Minnesota. This is part of Xcel Energy's plan to spend an additional $7 billion by 2022 implementing renewable energy sources in the state.

The short lifespan of wind turbines is rarely discussed, yet it has a massive impact on the cost of electricity for Minnesota families and businesses. Worse yet, wind energy investments were and still are completely unnecessary to meet our energy needs because energy consumption in Minnesota has been essentially flat since 2006, and existing energy sources were capable of meeting the entirety of those demands.

Wind energy is indeed very costly; even without fuel expenses. This is because wind facilities require more frequent upgrades than other power plants and produce energy at far lower rates.

If cost-estimates are going to be calculated correctly, accurate lifespans and capacity factors of different power plants need to be accounted for.

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Assessing Wind Power Cost Estimates

The Institute for Energy Research released a study titled *Assessing Wind Power Cost Estimates* (http://americanenergyalliance.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=7cbc7dd79831a84c870f9842e&id=6e207e0f44&e=201ef0d61b). The study, written by Dr. Michael Giberson, an economics professor at Texas Tech University, details the costs of wind power that commonly go unreported in studies performed by government-funded groups such as the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). The study is published as the federal wind Production Tax Credit (PTC), a massive subsidy to the wind power industry, is set to expire at the end of the year. Last year, the PTC received another one-year extension that government analysts project will cost taxpayers $12 billion.

"As Big Wind's lobbyists fight tooth and nail to extend the wind Production Tax Credit, it is important that we look at the true costs of wind power to taxpayers and ratepayers," IER President Thomas Pyle said upon release of the study.

"Despite being propped up by government mandates and billion dollar subsidies for decades, wind power continues to be an expensive and boutique energy source that the American people cannot rely on for power when they need it. Although lobbyists for the wind industry prefer to downplay the real costs of wind power, Dr. Giberson has produced a fact-based study that demonstrates just how expensive it really is."

The study highlights several categories of costs that NREL and others fail to recognize in their studies on the Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE). Rather than approaching the cost of wind power from the point of view of the wind project developer, Dr. Giberson takes a broader view of the cost of wind power to all Americans, including electricity consumers and taxpayers.

As Giberson states in the study, "While expenses faced by wind project developers are an important element of the overall cost of wind power, the addition of wind power to the power grid involves a number of other costs ... Such costs include the expense of transmission expansions needed to develop wind power, other grid integration expenses, and added grid reliability expenses."

The study finds:

- Under more accurate assumptions, the LCOE for wind power is $109 per MWh rather than NREL's estimate of $72 — a more than 50 percent increase.
- NREL's cost estimates exclude key categories of costs such as the cost of transmission and grid balancing for far-away, intermittent wind sources.
- PTC-subsidized wind power projects distort electricity markets because they can bid as low as negative $35 per MWh and still profit through the PTC.
- Adding wind power via the PTC cannot reduce the overall cost of power to the economy — it merely shifts costs to taxpayers.

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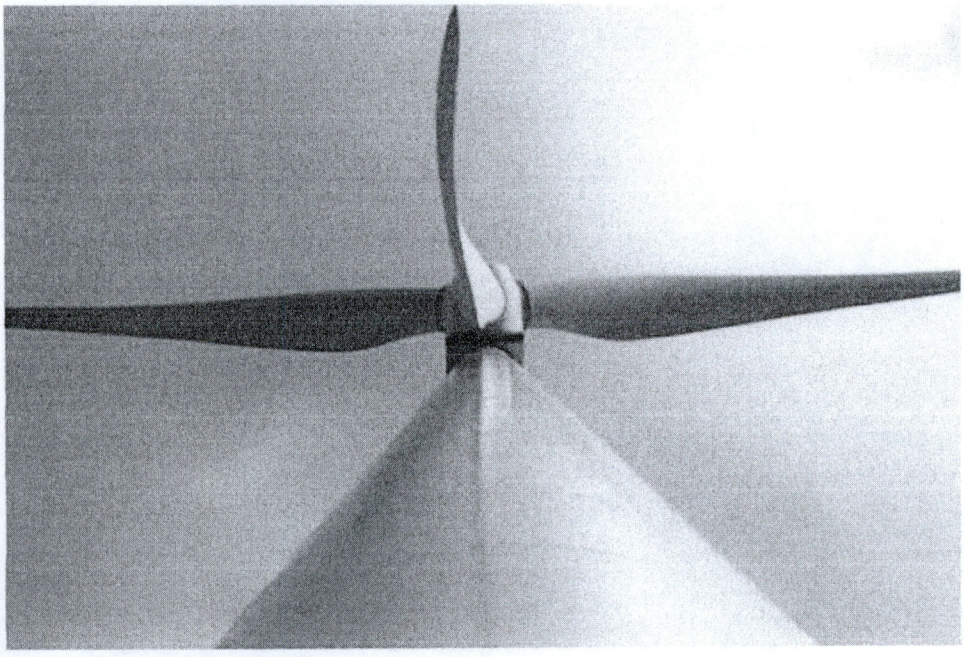

One problem with wind power: the wind doesn't always blow.

Wind costs more than you think due to massive federal subsidies

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As consumers, we pay for electricity twice: once through our monthly electricity bill and a second time through taxes that finance massive subsidies for inefficient wind and other energy producers.

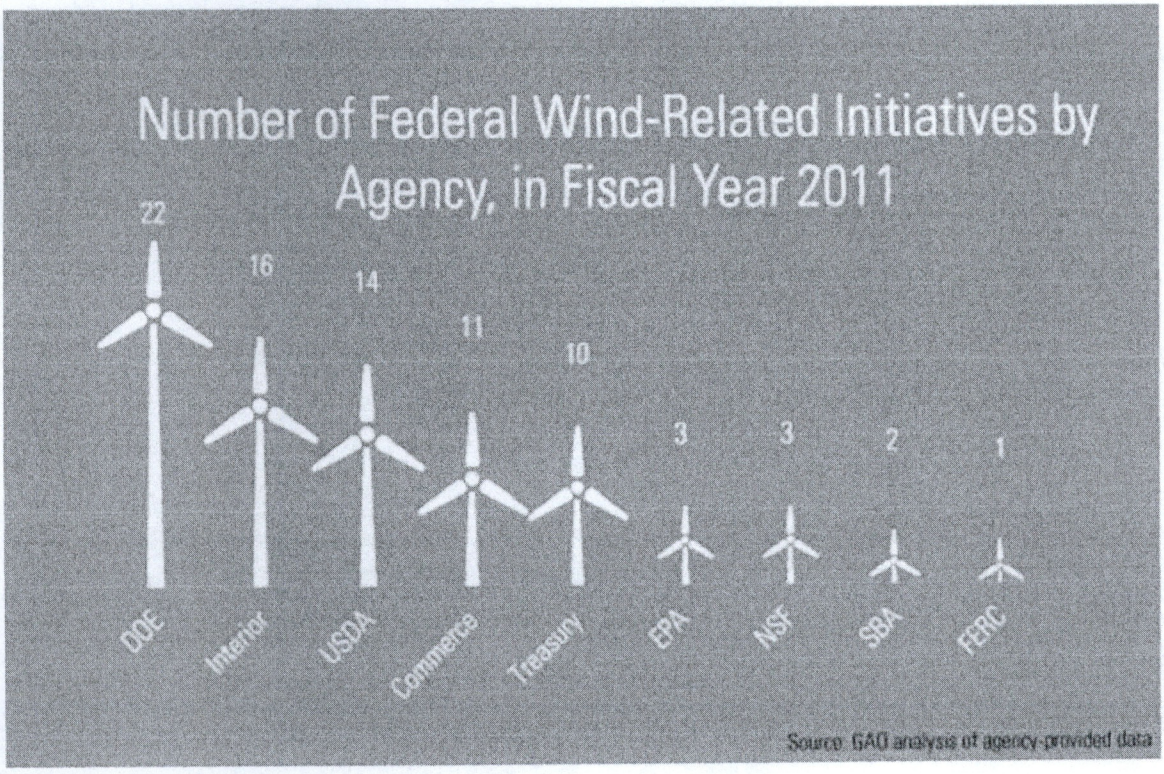
Most cost estimates for wind power disregard the heavy burden of these subsidies on US taxpayers. But if Americans realized the full cost of generating energy from wind power, they would be less willing to foot the bill – because it's more than most people think.

Over the past 35 years, wind energy – which supplied just 4.4% of US electricity in 2014 – has received US$30 billion in federal subsidies and grants. These subsidies shield people from the uncomfortable truth of just how much wind power actually costs and transfer money from average taxpayers to wealthy wind farm owners, many of which are units of foreign companies.

Financial advisory firm Lazard puts the cost of generating a megawatt-hour of electricity from wind at a range of $37 to $81. In reality, the true price tag is significantly higher.

This represents a waste of resources that could be better spent by taxpayers themselves. Even the supposed environmental gains of relying more on wind power are dubious because of its unreliability – it doesn't always blow – meaning a stable backup power source must always be online to take over during periods of calm.

But at the same time, the subsidies make the US energy infrastructure more tenuous because the artificially cheap electricity prices push more reliable producers – including those needed as backup – out of the market. As we rely more on wind for our power and its inherent unreliability, the risk of blackouts grows. If that happens, the costs will really soar.



Many government agencies are in the wind business these days.

Where the subsidies go

Many people may be familiar with Warren Buffet's claim that federal policies are the only reason to build wind farms in the US, but few realize how many of the companies that benefit most are foreign. The Investigative Reporting Workshop at American University found that, as of 2010, 84% of total clean-energy grants awarded by the federal government went to foreign-owned wind companies.

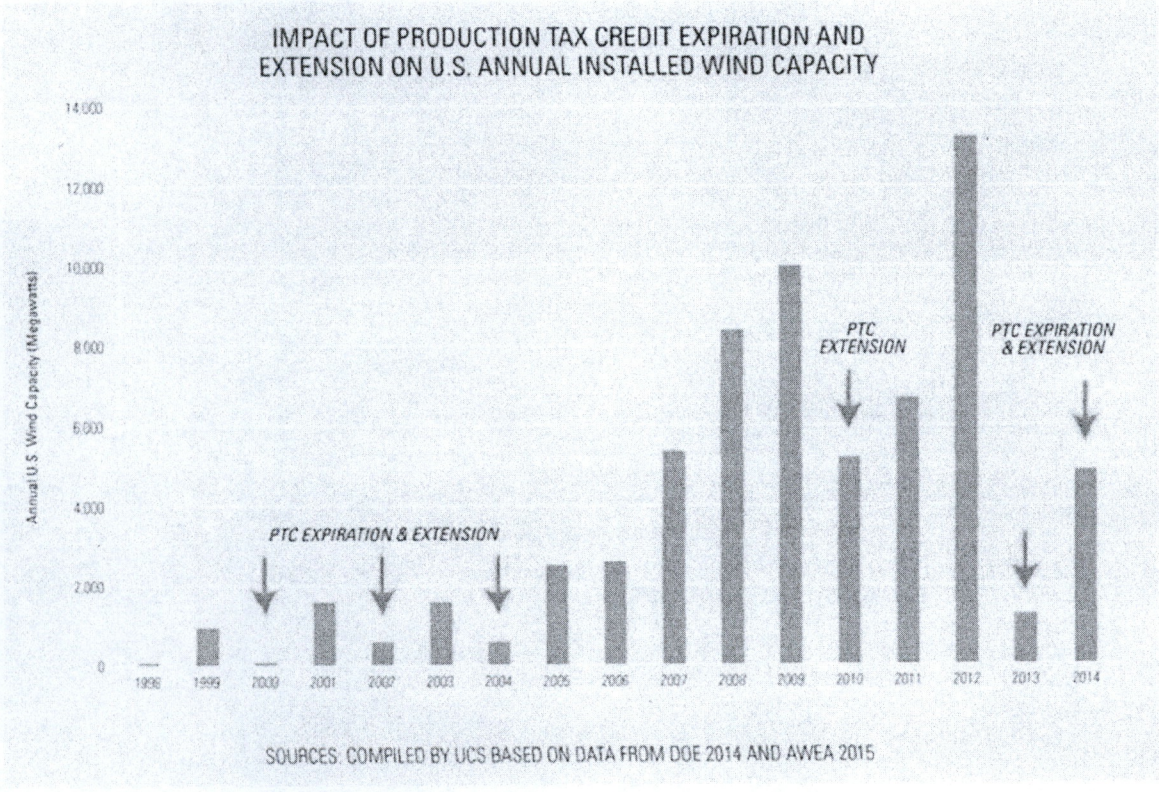
More generally, the beneficiaries of federal renewable energy policies tend to be large companies, not individual taxpayers or small businesses. The top five recipients of federal grants and tax credits since 2000 are: Iberdrola, NextEra Energy, NRG Energy, Southern Company and Summit Power, all of which have received more than $1 billion in federal benefits.

Iberdrola Renewables alone, a unit of a Spanish utility, has collected $2.2 billion in federal grants and allocated tax credits over the past 15 years. That's equivalent to about 6.7% of the parent company's 2014 revenue of $33 billion (in current US dollars).

President Obama's proposed 2016 budget would permanently extend the biggest federal subsidy for wind power, the Production Tax Credit (PTC), ensuring that large foreign companies continue to reap most of the taxpayer-funded benefits for wind. The PTC is a federal subsidy that pays wind farm owners $23 per megawatt-hour through the first ten years of a turbine's operation. The credit expired at the end of 2013, but Congress extended it so that all projects under construction by the end of 2014 are eligible.

In all, Congress has enacted 82 policies, overseen by nine different agencies, to support wind power.

I explained in December why Congress shouldn't revive the PTC, which expired at the end of 2014. In this article, I'm adding up the true cost of wind power in the US, including the impact of the PTC and other subsidies and mandates. It's part of a study I'm doing of other energy sources including solar, natural gas, and coal to determine how much each one actually cost us when all factors are considered.



As Warren Buffett has said, there wouldn't be a wind industry without the PTC.

Tallying the true costs of wind

Depending on which factors are included, estimates for the cost of wind power vary wildly. Lazard claims the cost of wind power ranges from $37 to $81 per megawatt-hour, while Michael Giberson at the Center for Energy Commerce at Texas Tech University suggests it's closer to $149. Our analysis in an upcoming report explores this wide gap in cost estimates, finding that most studies underestimate the genuine cost of wind because they overlook key factors.

All estimates for wind power include the cost of purchasing capital and paying for operations and maintenance (O&M) of wind turbines. For the studies we examined, capital costs ranged from $48 to $88 per megawatt-hour, while O&M costs ranged from $9.8 to $21 per megawatt-hour.

Many estimates, however, don't include costs related to the inherent unreliability of wind power and government subsidies and mandates. Since we can't ensure the wind always blows, or how strongly, coal and natural gas plants must be kept on as backup to compensate when it's calm. This is known as baseload cycling, and its cost ranges from $2 to $23 per megawatt-hour.

This also reduces the environmental friendliness of wind power. Because a coal-fired or natural gas power plant must be kept online in case there's no wind, two plants are running to do the job of one.

These plants create carbon emissions, reducing the environmental benefits of wind. The amount by which emissions reductions are offset by baseload cycling ranges from 20% to 50%, according to a modeling study by two professors at Carnegie Mellon University.

While the backup plants are necessary to ensure the grid's reliability, their ability to operate is threatened by wind subsidies. The federal dollars encourage wind farm owners to produce power even when prices are low, flooding the market with cheap electricity. That pushes prices down even further and makes it harder for more reliable producers, such as nuclear plants, that don't get hefty subsidies to stay in business.

For example, the Kewaunee Nuclear Plant in Wisconsin and the Yankee Nuclear Plant in Vermont both switched off their reactors in 2013. Dominion Energy, which owned both plants, blamed the artificially low prices caused by the PTC as one of the reasons for the shutdown.

As more reliable sources drop off and wind power takes their place, consumers are left with an electrical infrastructure that is less reliable and less capable of meeting demand.

Lost in transmission

Another factor often overlooked is the extra cost of transmission. Many of America's wind-rich areas are remote and the turbines are often planted in open fields, far from major cities. That means new transmission lines must be built to carry electricity to consumers. The cost of building new transmission lines ranges from $15 to $27 per megawatt-hour.

In 2013, Texas completed its Competitive Renewable Energy Zone project, adding over 3,600 miles of transmission lines to remote wind farms, costing state taxpayers $7 billion.

Although transmission infrastructure may be considered a fixed cost that will reduce future transmission costs for wind power, these costs will likely remain important. Today's wind farms are built in areas with prime wind resources. If we continue to subsidize wind power, producers will eventually expand to sub-prime locations that may be even further from population centers. This would feed demand for additional transmission projects to transport electricity from remote wind farms to cities.

The final bill comes to...

Finally, federal subsidies and state mandates also add significantly to the cost, even as many estimates claim these incentives actually reduce the cost of wind energy. In fact, they add to it as American taxpayers are forced to foot the bill. According to Giberson, federal and state policies add an average of $23 per megawatt-hour to the cost of wind power.

That includes the impact of state mandates, which end up increasing the cost of electricity on consumer power bills. California is one of the most aggressive in pushing so-called Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), requiring the state to consume 33% of its electricity from renewables by 2020. Overall electricity prices in states with RPS are 38% higher than those without, according to the Institute for Energy Research, a non-profit research group that promotes free markets.

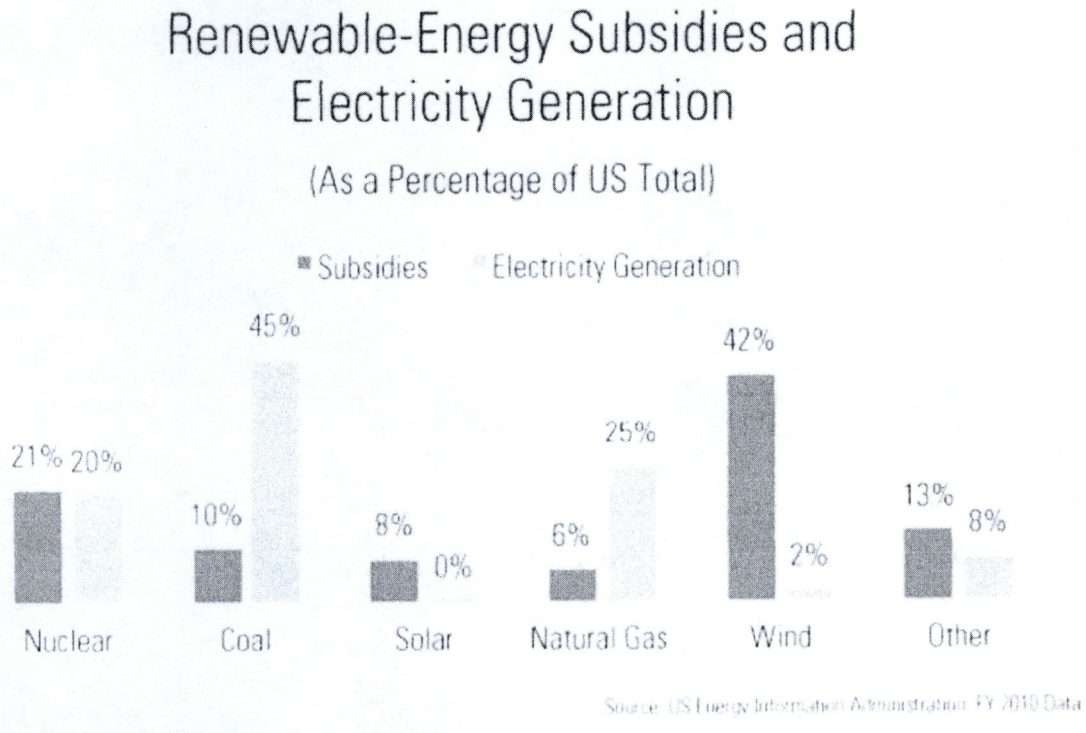
The best estimate available for the total cost of wind power is $149 per megawatt-hour, taken from Giberson's 2013 report.

It is difficult to quantify some factors of the cost of wind power, such as the cost of state policies. Giberson's estimate, however, includes the most relevant factors in attempting to measure the true cost of producing electricity from wind power. In future reports, Strata will explore the true cost of producing electricity from solar, coal, and natural gas. Until those reports are completed, it is difficult to accurately compare the true cost of wind to other technologies, as true cost studies have not yet been completed.

Blowing in the wind

The high costs of federal subsidies and state mandates for wind power have not paid off for the American public. According to the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, wind energy receives a higher percentage of federal subsidies than any other type of energy while generating a very small percentage of the nation's electricity.

In 2010 the wind energy sector received 42% of total federal subsidies while producing only 2% of the nation's total electricity. By comparison, coal receives 10% of all subsidies and generates 45% and nuclear is about even at about 20%.



Wind gobbles up the largest share of subsidies yet produces little power.

But policymakers at the federal and state level, unfortunately, have decided that the American people will have renewable energy, no matter how high the costs. As a result, taxpayers will be stuck paying the cost of subsidies to wealthy wind producers.

Meanwhile, electricity consumers will be forced to purchase the more expensive power that results from state-level mandates for renewable energy production. Although such policies may be well

intended, the real results will be limited freedom, reduced prosperity and an increasingly unreliable power supply.

Megan Hansen, a Strata policy analyst, co-authored this article.

This article has been updated with a corrected figure for wind power's current share of US electricity generation. It also clarifies the range of cost estimates from Lazard.

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U.S. Energy Information Administration

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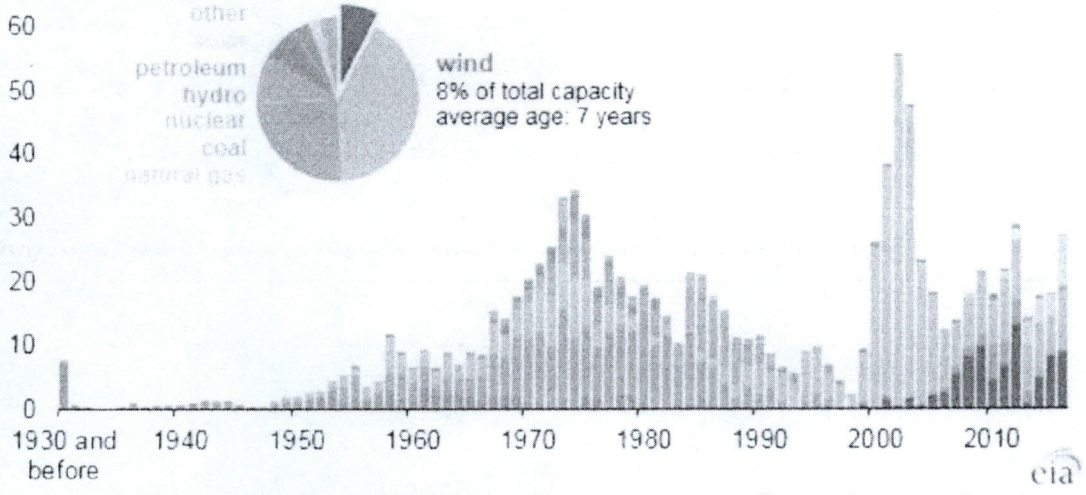
Wind turbines provide 8% of U.S. generating capacity, more than any other renewable source

U.S. utility-scale electric generating capacity by initial operating year (as of Dec 2016)
gigawatts



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Preliminary Monthly Electric Generator Inventory*

Wind generators accounted for 8% of the operating electric generating capacity in the United States in 2016, more than any other renewable technology, including hydroelectricity. Wind turbines have contributed more than one-third of the nearly 200 gigawatts (GW) of utility-scale electricity generating capacity added since 2007. The increase in wind development in the United States over the past decade reflects a combination of improved wind turbine technology, increased access to transmission capacity, state-level renewable portfolio standards, and federal production tax credits and grants.

More than half of U.S. wind capacity is located in five states: Texas, Iowa, Oklahoma, California, and Kansas. In three states—Iowa, Kansas, and Oklahoma—wind makes up at least 25% of in-state utility-scale generating capacity. Several states with the highest wind capacity are located in the Midwest, a region with favorable wind resources. As of December 2016, nine U.S. states had no operational utility-scale wind facilities: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Operating wind generating capacity by state (as of Dec 2016)
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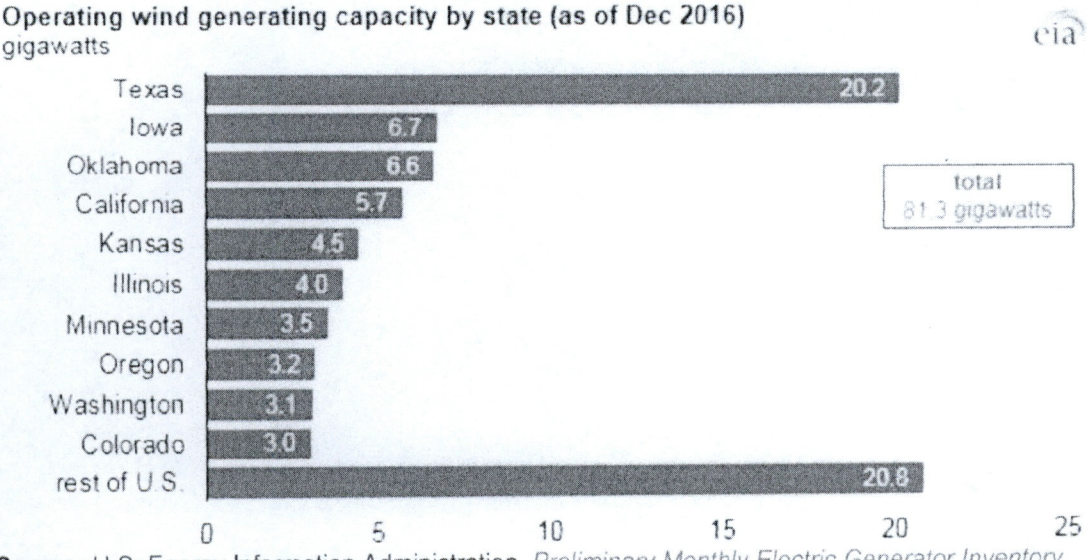
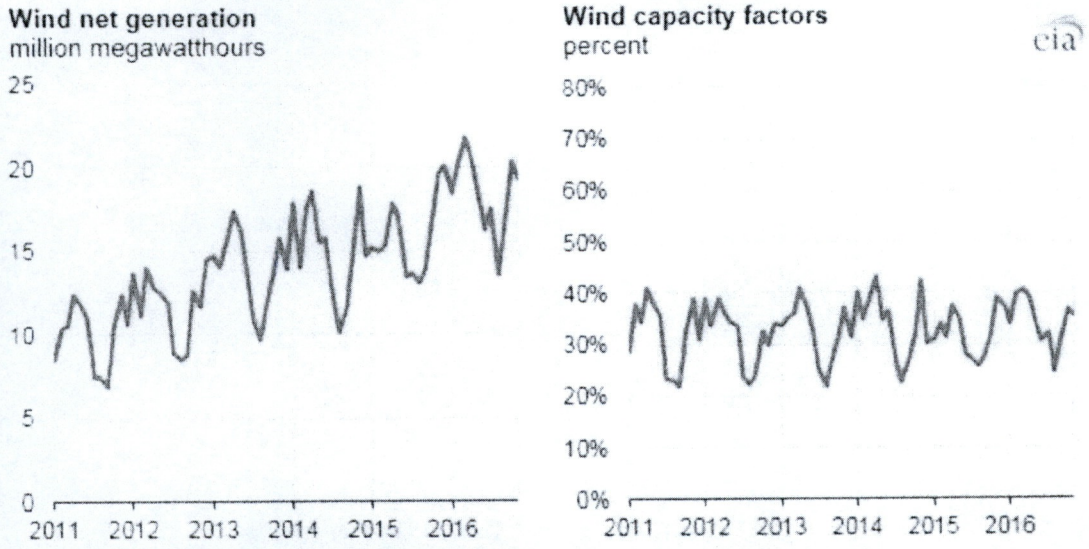


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Preliminary Monthly Electric Generator Inventory*

Texas alone accounts for almost a quarter of total U.S. wind capacity, and electricity generated by these turbines made up 13% of Texas's total electricity output in 2016. At particularly windy times, wind can provide a much larger share of Texas's electricity generation. For instance, in the early hours of March 23, 2017, wind output on the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) grid in Texas accounted for up to 50% of the electricity generation mix, the highest wind penetration level seen in the ERCOT electric system to date.



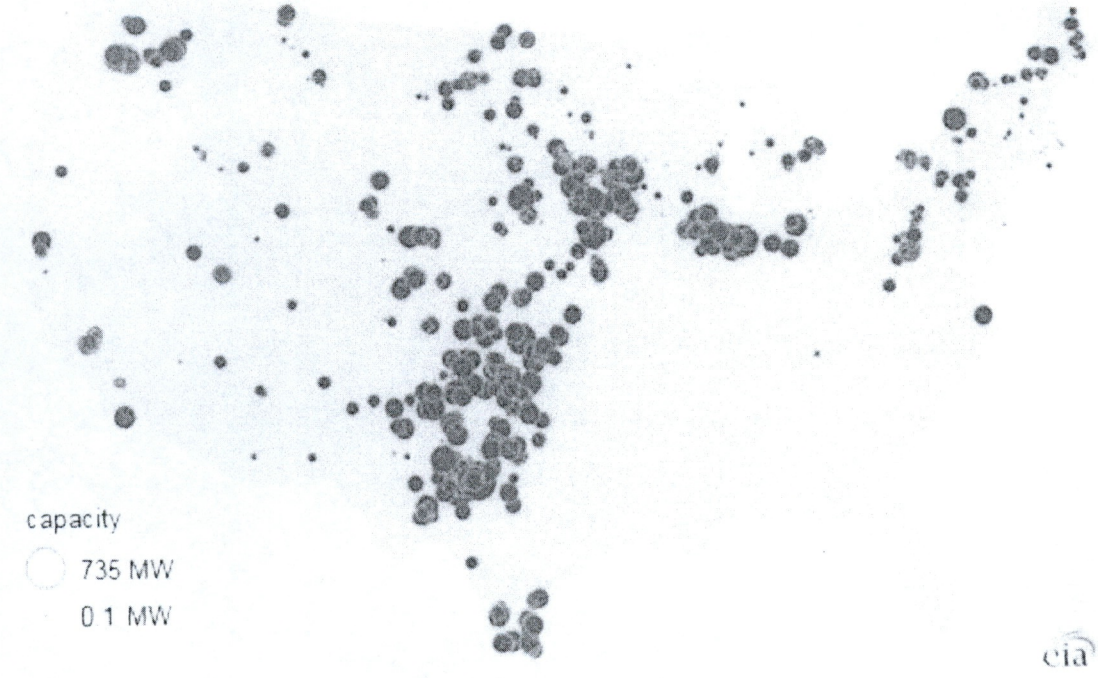
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Electric Power Monthly*

Although wind makes up about 8% of total U.S. electricity generating capacity, wind generators provided a smaller share (5%) of total U.S. electricity generation in 2016 because wind turbines have relatively low capacity factors. Capacity factors, which measure actual output over a certain period as a percent of the total mechanical ability of the turbine to generate given sufficient wind, average between about 25% and 40% for wind generators and vary based on seasonal patterns and geographic location.

The average wind generating facility in the United States consists of about 50 turbines. However, the Alta Wind Energy Center in Kern County, California, is the largest wind power site in the United States with 586 turbines and a combined 1,548 megawatts (MW) of capacity across several separate projects.

Until late 2016, all U.S. wind capacity was on land. The first U.S. offshore wind project, Block Island Wind Farm, began commercial operation off the coast of Rhode Island in December 2016 with a generating capacity of 29.3 MW. Two other offshore wind projects off the coasts of Ohio and Virginia are not yet under construction but are seeking regulatory approvals.

Distribution of wind power plants in the Lower 48 states (as of December 2016)



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April 20, 2020

Ms. Julie Fedorchak
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Mr. Brian Kroshus
Public Service Commissioner
Mr. Randy Christman
Public Service Commissioner

Re: Proposed Northern Divide Wind, LLC
Dear Commissioners:

This letter will address three points that express + support my opposition to the above named wind farm
1. There has been a severe outbreak of the corona virus in a Grand Forks windfarm plant in the past week. If Northern Divide Wind gets permission to complete the project we expect workers will be brought from out of state + we may be exposed to a threat of the virus. We have to wonder where these people + their families will live, shop, eat + also may need to seek medical attention. This puts all of us at risk.
2. My wife + I farm alongwith our sons + families. We have not had to hire farm workers but we know it is very difficult to find good + dependable workers

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Many of our neighbors hire + import South Africans + it is our understanding that they are prohibited now because of the corona veries. So why should out of state workers be allowed to enter N.D. to work on a wind farm. Wind farms are certainly not an essential industry. Farming is an important part of our N.D. economy.

3. We are also concerned about the health + well being of our family + all residents of our county. Agriculture has been rated the most hazardous industry in the nation according to the CDC. At times we may need immediate acess to medical care + often this includes calling in an air ambulance. I have dependable but not surprising information that air ambulances will not fly over wind towers nor will they go near them to rescue an injured person. This could be a life + death situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert T Casteel

Bob & Liz Casteel
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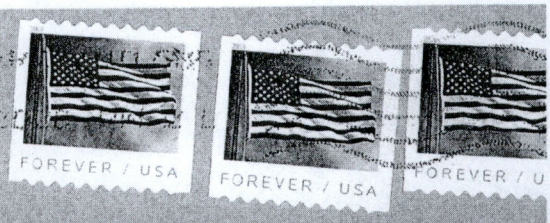

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April 20, 2020

North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Bismarck ND 58505

RE: Northern Divide Wind Project (PU-19-376)

Dear Commissioners,
We are residents, farmers, and land owners in Burke County, ND. Our home is located in section 7 of 163-94. We own and operate farm land in that township (Forthun Township) and in township 163-92 (Portal Township). Until recently, we have remained neutral on the topic of building a wind farm in Burke County since our home lies 8 miles north of the proposed project. We reside far enough away so light flash and sound pollution from the turbines will not directly affect us; but we will see most every turbine and the lights from our home. After viewing the hearing on April 17, 2020 and hearing testimonies, we feel compelled to write you this letter in opposition of the project as it is currently proposed.

We are acquaintances with several members of the Burke County Zoning Commission who have expressed regret at not having the foresight to have stricter setback parameters in place to better protect its residents' health and safety from the development of non-agricultural industry. Forthun Township, in which we live, has formed their own Planning and Zoning Commission and adopted their own ordinances addressing a multitude of non-agricultural development to protect the health, safety, morals, public convenience, general prosperity, and public welfare of Forthun Township's residents. We adopted setbacks that closely mirrored Divide County's, which borders us to the west.

Land owner rights have been a heated debate. We strongly believe in landowner rights, but only to the extent that they do not infringe on the rights of others. What one land owner does on his or her property should never adversely affect one's neighbor. We believe the current setbacks do not protect neighbors from unwanted noise and light pollution. Another example of infringements on a neighbor's rights of this proposed wind project has to do with aerial spraying. If a wind turbine is near your field as is allowed in the current setback regulations, you will not be able to use aerial crop spraying as part of your farming practice. Planes need at least one mile of clear space to turn when spraying a specific field, therefore, if a turbine is less than one mile from your field, aerial spraying will not be able to be used as a management practice because of a neighbor's choice.

Many other issues surround this project including wildlife impact, watershed issues, road maintenance, and reclamation of sites once the turbine is no longer in service. The claim that local people will be employed to build this project is not reasonable. We do not have local contractors nor the workforce to supply even a small fraction of labor for such a project. The importing of workers will have a temporary boost to the local

economy, but at what cost? These issues and many more will all need to be weighed with careful consideration.

In conclusion, some have testified that the revenue received from having a wind turbine on their land would be a significant boost to their income. However, this increased income for a few comes at a cost to many. We are in favor of alternative energy sources and research, but we believe this project in its current form is not the answer. We are confident that the Public Service Commission will come to the same conclusion. Thank you for your time and consideration of all of the factors involved in this project. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely, Greg Busch
Jessica Busch

Greg and Jessica Busch

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There are three Burke County Commissioners, One of which becomes the Chairman of the Burke County Planning and Zoning commission.

One county commissioner's father-in-law, as well as aunts and uncles-in-law have towers on their land in the Northern Divide Wind project. He voted in favor of the wind farm.

A second county commissioner signed a 'memorandum of Option and Easements' with the Burke Wind, L.L.C. on the first proposed wind farm. I believe that agreement has been dropped now, however, he was also in favor of the wind farm.

The third voted in favor just to follow-along.

If you have questions or would like to speak with me, my contact information is below.

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AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO

Dru Roscoe, Esq.
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC
700 Universe Blvd., LAW/JB
Juno Beach, FL 33408

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MEMORANDUM OF OPTION AND EASEMENTS

Richard L. Owings and Linda M. Owings, a/k/a Linda Owings, husband and wife ("**Owner**") and Burke Wind, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("**Operator**") have entered into that certain Wind Farm Easement Agreement ("**Agreement**") as of the mutual execution date of this Memorandum, whereby Owner granted to Operator an exclusive option ("**Option**") to acquire the following easements in connection with the development, construction and operation of a wind energy project in Burke County, North Dakota (jointly and severally, the "**Easements**"):

(1) Construction Easement
(2) Turbine Easement
(3) Access Easement
(4) Collection Easement
(5) Telecommunication Easement
(6) Wind Non-Obstruction Easement
(7) Overhang Easement
(8) Met Instrument Easement
(9) Effects Easement

encumbering all or portions of the real property described in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "**Owner's Property**").

As to the Option, the period during which the Option may be exercised ("**Initial Option Term**") shall begin on the date when both Owner and Operator have executed the Agreement, and shall continue for a period of thirty-six (36) months after such date. The Initial Option Term may be extended for one twenty-four (24) month extension period ("**Extended Option Term**"). References herein to the Option Term shall mean the Initial Option Term and, to the extent exercised by Operator, also the Extended Option Term. Operator may exercise the Option by giving written notice to Owner ("**Option Notice**") at any time during the Option Term.

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As to the Easements:

(I) The term of the Easements is ninety-nine (99) years commencing on the date specified in Option Notice ("**Commencement Date**").

(II) Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, Operator has the exclusive right to convert all of the wind resources on the Owner's Property. Any of the Owner's activities, or any grant of rights by Owner to a third party, on the Owner's Property or adjacent property of Owner shall not, now or in the future, interfere in any way with the rights of Operator under the Agreement.

(III) The Easements and any restriction contained in the Agreement run with the land affected thereby and are binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the Owner and Operator, their respective successors, heirs mortgagees, assigns, personal representatives, tenants, or persons claiming through them.

(IV) The address of Owner is:

Richard L. Owings and Linda M. Owings
9321 84th Avenue NW
Lignite, ND 58752

(V) The address of Operator is:

Burke Wind, LLC
700 Universe Boulevard
Juno Beach, FL 33408-2683
Attn: Land Services

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Owner has executed this Memorandum of Option and Easements on the date set forth below:

Owner:

Richard L. Owings

Linda M. Owings, a/k/a Linda Owings

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF BURKE)

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 18th day of May, 2017, by Richard L. Owings and Linda M. Owings, a/k/a Linda Owings.

My Commission expires: _____

Notary Public

MIKE HOLLISTER
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My Commission Expires Jan 14, 2020

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Operator has executed this Memorandum of Option and Easements on the date set forth below:

Operator:

Burke Wind, LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company

By: _____
John Di Donato, Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 12 day of June, 2017, by John Di Donato, as Vice President of Burke Wind, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, who is personally known to me who subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same on behalf of said limited liability company and that he was duly authorized to do so.

(SEAL)

_____
Name:_____
Notary Public, State of Florida
My Commission Expires:_____

KIM L. OTTO
MY COMMISSION # FF 939840
EXPIRES: March 28, 2020
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

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EXHIBIT A

Legal Description of Owner's Property

Parcel 1:
The Southeast Quarter (SE¼) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE¼SW¼) of Section 13, Township 161 North, Range 92 West of the 5th P.M., Burke County, North Dakota.

Parcel 2:
Lots 3 and 4; the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E½SW¼) and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W½SE¼); all in Section 18, Township 161 North, Range 91 West of the 5th P.M., Burke County, North Dakota.

Parcel 3:
The Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 24, Township 161 North, Range 92 West of the 5th P.M., Burke County, North Dakota.

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RECORDER OF STATE OF SEAL NORTH DAKOTA BURKE COUNTY

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA BURKE COUNTY
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record on 7/19/2017 @ 8:26 AM
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By Jacqueline A Hoesel

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The Burke County Planning and Zoning Commission consists of six appointed members.

One member's daughter married into a family that has towers in the Northern Divide Wind project. He voted in favor of the wind farm.

Another member that voted in favor had signed an 'Option and Transmission Easement' before he was appointed to the commission by the chairman.

To me this is a conflict of interest and not impartial voting. Money talks.

Some townships in Burke County are forming their own zoning ordinances because of the biased decisions made.

If you have questions or would like to speak with me, my contact information is below.

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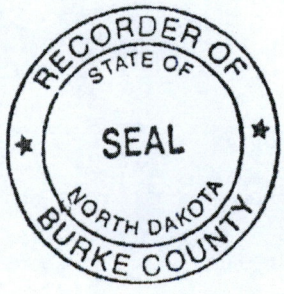

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on 1/26/2018 @ 1:05 PM
Bonnie L. Bohnsack, County Recorder
By Jacqueline A Hokenson

OPTION AND TRANSMISSION EASEMENT

THIS OPTION AND TRANSMISSION EASEMENT ("**Agreement**"), is executed effective this 7th day of December 2017 ("**Effective Date**"), by and between Embarc Farm, LLP, a limited liability company, whose address for notices is: P.O. Box 42, Powers Lake, ND 58773 ("**Grantor**") and Burke Wind, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, whose address for notices is: 700 Universe Blvd., Attn: Land Services, Juno Beach, FL 33408 ("**Grantee**"). Grantor and Grantee are sometimes individually referred to as a "**Party**" and collectively, as the "**Parties**".

PREMISES

A. Grantor is the owner of a certain tract of real property located in Burke and Mountrail Counties, North Dakota and more particularly described on **Exhibit A** attached hereto and made a part hereof ("**Property**"); and

B. Grantor desires to grant and convey to Grantee an option to acquire an exclusive easement for the erection, installation and maintenance of certain facilities for the transmission of electric power over and across a certain portion of the Property.

IN CONSIDERATION of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Option**. Grantor grants to Grantee an exclusive option to acquire the Easements referenced in Section 2 ("**Option**") in accordance with the following terms and conditions.

1.1. **Option Term**. The initial period during which Grantee may exercise the Option shall be for a term of thirty-six (36) months, commencing on the Effective Date and expiring on the date immediately preceding the third (3rd) anniversary of the Effective Date ("**Initial Option Term**"). Grantee shall have a single election to extend the Initial Option Term for an additional twenty-four (24) months ("**Extended Option Term**") by written notice to Grantor at any time prior to the third (3rd) anniversary of the Effective Date. References herein to the "**Option Term**" shall mean the Initial Option Term and, to the extent exercised by Grantee, also the Extended Option Term, unless expressly stated otherwise.

1.2 **Use**. During the Option Term, Grantee and its employees, agents and contractors shall have a right to enter upon the Property and the right of ingress and egress over and across the Property for the purposes of (i) surveying the Property; and (ii) performing such other tests and studies as Grantee may desire in connection with the Option, including, without limitation, environmental, avian and cultural resource assessments, and geotechnical, foundation and soil tests.

1.3 **Right to Grant Option**. Grantor warrants and represents to Grantee that (i) Grantor is the holder of fee simple title to all of the Property; (ii) Grantor has the authority to grant this Option and Agreement to Grantee without the consent or approval of any other party; and (iii) there are no other existing options, rights of first refusal, contracts to purchase, leases or mortgages that encumber the Property or would prevent Grantee from exercising its rights with respect to the Option except as disclosed in writing to Grantee.

1.4 **Exercise of Option**. Grantee may exercise the Option by giving written notice to Grantor ("**Option Notice**") at any time during the Option Term. Grantee shall specify in the Option Notice the commencement date ("**Commencement Date**"). On the Commencement Date, the Easements referenced in Section 2 shall automatically become effective, and the Parties shall be subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement with respect to such Easements and all rights and obligations relating thereto. Along with the Option Notice, Grantee shall deliver to Grantor a proposed plan of development showing the contemplated location and route of the Easements referenced in Section 2, which shall serve as and be incorporated herein as the **Exhibit B** to this Agreement ("**Easement Area**"). If Grantee fails to exercise the Option within the Option Term, the Option and the rights of Grantee as the optionee shall automatically terminate.

2. **Grant**.

2.1 **Easements**. Upon the Commencement Date, Grantor does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto Grantee, an exclusive easement under, on along and in the Easement Area for the purposes of erecting, constructing, replacing, relocating, improving, enlarging, removing, maintaining and utilizing, from time to time, a line or lines of towers and/or poles, with such wires and/or cables, for the transmission of electrical energy and telecommunication services, and all necessary and proper foundations, footings, cross arms and other appliances, facilities and fixtures for use in connection therewith (collectively, the "**Facilities**"); together with (i) an easement for vehicular and pedestrian ingress to and egress from the Facilities over and along the Property and Grantor's adjacent property by means of any existing roads or lanes thereon, or otherwise by such route or routes as Grantee or Grantor may construct from time to time; (ii) an exclusive easement for the right and privilege to permit the above ground Facilities to overhang the Property adjacent to the Easement Area; and (iii) a temporary easement ("**Construction Easement**") along and under that portion of the Property comprising the fifty (50) feet in width adjacent to and along the entire boundary of the Easement Area during, and for the purpose of, the initial construction and installation of the Facilities and storage of materials and equipment related thereto (collectively, "**Easements**"). The Easement Area shall not exceed one hundred fifty (150) feet in width except where appurtenances to the Facilities (e.g. supporting guy wires) are constructed, in which case the Easement Area may be

extended up to an additional seventy-five (75) feet. After completion of construction of the Facilities, Grantee, to the extent reasonably possible, shall restore the Construction Easement to the condition it was in prior to construction of the Facilities; provided, however, Grantee shall not be required to replant or restore any trees or other vegetation, which were removed from the Property pursuant to Section 3.

2.2 **Relocation**. During the final development and construction of the Facilities, Grantee may change the location and route of the Easements so long as the nature and extent of the relocated or rerouted Easements are not materially different and impose no greater burden on the Property than the original locations or routes. In the event Grantee does relocate the Easements under this Section, Grantee shall provide to Grantor a revised **Exhibit B**, which shall show the location of the Easements and shall substitute for the **Exhibit B**, delivered with the Option Notice. Grantee shall have the right to record in the County where the Property is located a notice incorporating the revised **Exhibit B**.

3. **Interference**. Grantor expressly reserves the right to use the Property for all other purposes not granted to Grantee under this Agreement; provided, however, Grantor covenants and agrees that neither Grantor nor its agents, lessees, invitees, guests, licensees, successors or assigns will (i) interfere with, impair or prohibit the free and complete use and enjoyment by Grantee of its rights granted by this Agreement; (ii) take any action which will in any way interfere with or impair the transmission of electric, electromagnetic or other forms of energy to or from the Easement Area; or (iii) take any action which will interfere with or impair Grantee's access over and across the Property and to the Easement Area for the purposes specified in this Agreement. Grantor shall not be permitted to drill or excavate for minerals on the surface of the Easements, but Grantor may extract oil, gas, or other minerals from and under the Easements by directional drilling or other means which do not interfere with or disturb Grantee's use of the Easements. Grantor shall not construct or place any buildings, structures, plants, or other obstructions on the Property which would result in the violation of the minimum clearance requirements of the National Electric Safety Code or would interfere with the operation and maintenance of the Facilities. Grantor shall not excavate so near the sides of or underneath the Facilities installed as to undermine or otherwise adversely affect their stability and usability. Grantee shall also have the right and privilege to trim, cut down, or control the growth of trees or any other vegetation on the Property, as in the sole judgment of Grantee may interfere with maintenance or operation of the Facilities. Grantor will cooperate with Operator to avoid pasturing animals on or near the Facilities during periods of construction, maintenance or removal activity by Operator.

4. **Term and Termination**. The term of the Easements and the terms and conditions of this Agreement with respect to such Easements, and all rights and obligations relating thereto, is ninety-nine (99) years commencing on the Commencement Date ("**Term**"), unless terminated as provided in this Agreement. Grantee shall have the right to terminate this Agreement as to all or any part of the Easement Area, at any time, effective upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Grantor.

5. **Removal**. If this Agreement is terminated by Grantee, and after receiving a written request from Grantor, Grantee shall remove all Facilities on the Property and restore the

Property to its approximate original condition that existed before Grantee constructed its Facilities, all at Grantee's sole cost and expense. Such removal by Grantee shall be accomplished within one (1) year after receiving a written request from Grantor and include any Facilities to a depth of forty-eight inches (48") beneath the surface of the Property.

6. **Indemnification and Insurance**. Grantee shall maintain liability insurance insuring the Parties against loss caused by Grantee's use of the Property. The amount of insurance shall be not less than $3,000,000.00 of combined single limit liability coverage. Grantee shall indemnify and at its expense defend Grantor against liability for injuries and claims for direct damage to the extent that they are caused by Grantee's exercise of rights granted in this Agreement. This indemnity does not cover losses of rent, business opportunities, crop production, and profits that may result from Grantor's loss of use of the Property.

7. **Assignment; Mortgage Rights**.

(a) Grantee, without Grantor's consent or approval, shall have the right to mortgage, collaterally assign, or otherwise encumber and grant security interests in all or any part of its interest in this Agreement, the Easements, the Easement Area, or the Facilities (collectively, its "**Facilities Assets**"). These various security interests in all or a part of the Facilities Assets are collectively referred to as "**Mortgage**" and the holders of the Mortgages, their designees and assigns are referred to as "**Mortgagee**". Grantee shall also have the right without Grantor's consent to sell, convey, lease, or assign all or any portion of its Facilities Assets on either an exclusive or a non-exclusive basis, or to grant sub-easements co-easements, separate easements, leases, licenses or similar rights, however denominated (collectively, "**Assignment**"), to one or more persons or entities (collectively, "**Assignee**"). Grantee's notice to Grantor shall include the name and address of each Mortgagee and/or Assignee.

(b) Assignees and Mortgagees shall use the Facilities Assets only for the uses permitted under this Agreement. As a precondition to exercising any rights or remedies related to any alleged default by Grantee under this Agreement, Grantor shall give written notice of the default to each Mortgagee at the same time it delivers notice of default to Grantee, specifying in detail the alleged event of default and the required remedy. To the extent permitted by the Mortgage at issue, any Mortgagee shall be permitted to exercise or perform any and all of Grantee's rights and obligations hereunder and Grantor shall accept such exercise and performance thereby. Any Mortgagee under any Mortgage shall be entitled to assign its interest or enforce its rights thereunder, as permitted by applicable law, without notice to or approval of Grantor.

8. **Setback Waiver**. Grantor hereby waives any and all benefits of North Dakota Century Code Section 49-22-05.1 and North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-06-08-02, and all amendments thereto or replacements thereof, which provide, in part, that energy conversion facilities and transmission facilities located within 500 feet of a residence or place of business must be designated as an avoidance area; and agrees that such facilities may be constructed at the location as depicted on a map provided to Grantor, which facilities may be less than 500 feet from Grantor's residence or place of business.

9. **Binding Effect; Governing Law**. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of both Parties, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, and shall be deemed a covenant running with the land for all purposes. The provisions hereof shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Dakota.

10. **Construction Liens**. Grantee shall not permit any liens arising out of Grantee's use of the Property under this Agreement to be filed against the Property. Grantee shall, within sixty (60) days after it receives notice of the lien, provide a bond or other security that Grantor may reasonably request, or remove such lien from the Property in the manner provided by applicable law.

[*Signatures on Following Pages*]

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EXECUTED effective the day and year first hereinabove written.

Grantor:

Embarc Farm, LLP,
a limited liability company

By: _____
Mark Enget, President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF BURKE)

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 23rd day of October, 2017, by Mark Enget, President of Embarc Farm, LLP, a limited liability company.

_____
Notary Public, Commission No. 581985

My Commission Expires:
July 23, 2021
(SEAL)

CHASITY L COWAN
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
My commission expires July 23, 2021

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Grantee:

Burke Wind, LLC
a Delaware limited liability company

By: _____
Jason Utton, Authorized Representative

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH)

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 7 day of December, 2017, by Jason Utton, as Authorized Representative of Burke Wind, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

_____
Notary Public, Commission No._____

My Commission Expires:

_____
(SEAL)

KIM L OTTO
MY COMMISSION # FF 939243
EXPIRES: March 20, 2020

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO

Dru Roscoe, Esq.
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC
700 Universe Blvd., LAW/JB
Juno Beach, FL 33408

EXHIBIT A

Legal Description of Property

Parcel 1:
Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 9, Township 158 North, Range 93 West of the 5th P.M., Mountrail County, North Dakota.

Parcel 2:
Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section 34, Township 159 North, 93 West of the 5th P.M., Burke County, North Dakota.



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Depiction of Easement Area

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700 UNIVERSITY BLVD.
JUNO BEACH, FL 33408
Grant Legal Relates Satisfy Verified

NDGGA
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Grain Growers Association

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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"You Raise; We Represent"

Phone: 701-282-9361 | Fax: 701-404-5187 | 1002 Main Ave W. #3 West Fargo, N.D. 58078

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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,

Dennis Haugen

Dennis Haugen
President
North Dakota Grain Growers Association

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Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Brian Kroshus, Chairman
Randy Christmann, Commissioner
Julie Fedorcek, Commission

This letter is in reference to Case # PU-19-376 and Case # PU-19-377, Northern Divide Wind LLC. NextEra Energy Resources, LLC/Burke Wind LLC was denied a wind farm in Burke County in June of 2019. The PSC cited the project's environmental impact as the reason. The primary reason was concerns voiced by US Fish and Wildlife and ND Game and Fish. They stated, "There could not be a worse location for a wind farm."

Now here we are again....what's changed? Well NextEra has a new name, Northern Divide Wind LLC, and they moved the project over a few miles, and YES, they have been busy. Lots of money, lots of promises and lots of pressure.

Here's what hasn't changed.

1. This is still the "Prairie Pothole Region".
2. This is still a GLOBALLY important migratory corridor.
3. This area still provides CRITICAL HABITAT for almost 200 migratory bird species including the Piping Plover and Whooping Crane that are threatened or endangered.
4. This is still a rare globally protected area with programs implemented by Canada, the US and Mexico. The NAFTA now USMCA and NABCI (North American Bird Conservation Initiative) agreement is committed to protecting and restoring habitats of migratory birds.
5. Wind turbines kill birds from golden eagles to migratory song birds
6. Studies CLEARLY show that grassland nesting birds and waterfowl avoid habitats in the vicinity of wind turbines. Out of 9 species of grassland birds;
    a. 7 species showed displacement
    b. 7 species showed 76% negative immediate effects
    c. 7 species showed 88% delayed effects
    d. 5 species showed increased avoidance over a five year study
    e. Grassland species showed greater effects in a 2-5 year time period indicating that effects accumulate over time.
7. Wind turbines don't make money, they do however transfer money from taxpayers to wealthy farm owners. NextEra is one of the five top recipients of federal grants and tax credits.
8. Wind power is not environmentally friendly because a coal powered and natural gas plant must be kept on backup to compensate when it's calm. These plants create carbon emissions reducing the environmental benefit of wind. Transmission lines in Texas cost state taxpayers $7 billion dollars.
9. This area was previously denied because of the potential negative impact to prairie and wetland wildlife species, did NextEra convince you otherwise. Does PSC's "NO" mean maybe?
10. NextEra believes they have adequately mitigated. NextEra does not support the Game and Fish departments' collaboration effect. NextEra's representative Dr. SuedKamp Wells stated that the PSC is not required to accept and follow the recommendation provided by the Game and Fish and furthermore does not believe that the facts justify their guidelines.

YOU have the power to join NextEra and change a beautiful rare prairie ecosystem into an Industrial Zone. What legacy are you leaving our children? Please vote "NO" to NextEra's Northern Divide Wind project.
Happy Earth Day, Sharon Anderson, 8524 Hwy 50, Powers Lake, ND 58773

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide Wind & Transmission projects

Please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377.

From: Jen Brodal <jenbrodal@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:04 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Northern Divide Wind & Transmission projects

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Hello

I am writing in reference to the Wind project PSC Case No. PU-19-376 &
PSC Case No. PU-19-377

I understand many are not in support of these projects for various reasons and that is ok. I was not sure either and generally wasn't bothered but I also have an interest in these projects anyway- so I am in support.
I just wanted to relay in this uncertain time of a pandemic and what's to come for oilfield workers and their families as well as other unemployment, I think it's an excellent time to provide our area with new jobs and economic development.
We could really benefit in this area from this new industry and I feel grateful for this opportunity, especially at this time.

Thank you
Jen Brodal

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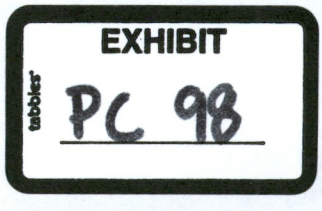


Ms. Julie Fedorchak
Public Service Commissioner

Mr. Brian Kroshus
Public Service Commissioner

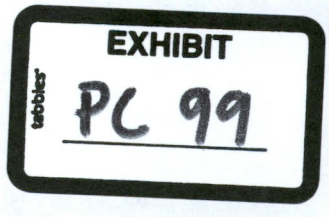
Mr. Randy Christmann
Public Service Commissioner

Re: PROPOSED NORTHERN DIVIDE WIND, LLC

Dear Commissioners,

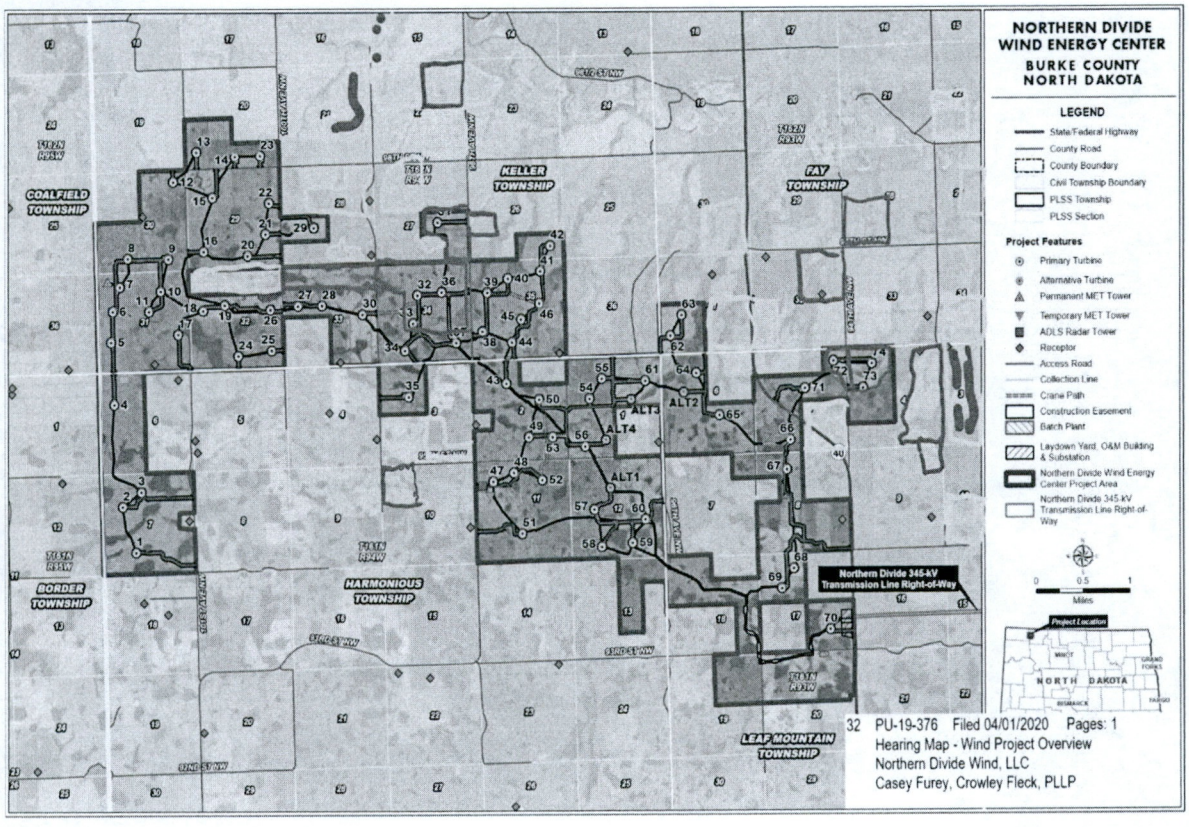
Thank you in advance for reading this testimony and for allowing me to call in on April 17th, 2020 regarding the Northern Divide Wind hearing. I would like to introduce myself. I am a 37-year-old 4th generation farmer in Burke County. I am married to my wife Kari who is a Registered Nurse at St. Luke's Medical Center in Crosby, ND. We have three kids – 2 boys ages 6 and 3, and a one-year old girl. I have been farming with my parents for 20 years. My parents Mike and Wanda Ely were both born and raised in Burke County. My father is putting in his 50th crop this year. We both live on the same farm just north of the proposed wind farm.

We farm land in Forthun, Shortcreek, Portal, Soo, Keller, Fay, Vale, Harmonious, and Leaf Mountain Townships in Burke County. We own land in many townships in Burke and in Sections 3,10,15,21 of Keller Township, 1,5,6,23 of Fay Township, and in Sections 2,3 of Leaf Mountain township around the Northern Divide Wind Energy Map. I have added our fields on the map to have a better visual.



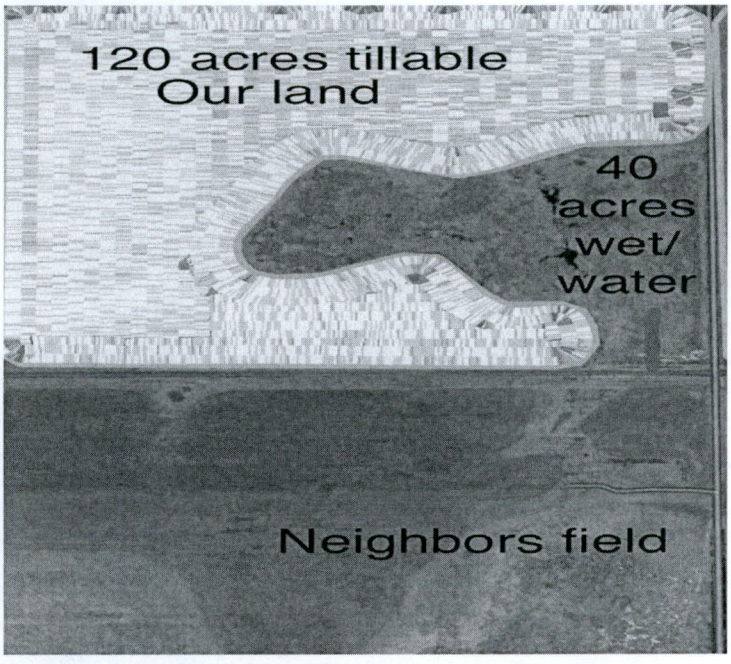
Yellow fields are rented land. Yellow fields with Green inside them are land we own.

Red fields are rented land from landlords who are getting 1 or more towers on the map.



With the Northern Divide Wind Energy project, we have been hearing a lot of "it's my land I should be able to make money off it anyway way I can". Just because you own land doesn't mean you have every right to do what you want for a financial gain while making the land right beside your land worth less. Our family owns many acres of land in Burke County and of those acres, around 650 acres of it is untillable because it has sloughs with water (wet land). Those untillable 650 acres x 2500 lbs. of canola per acre = $243,750 more dollars of canola sales for us each year. It would also make 650 more tillable acres of land, which means that would make the land worth more, since the more tillable acres the higher the land value with farmland. Another 650 acres x $1200 per acre of tillable land would make our land worth $780,000 more than it is right now. Right there we are losing over a million dollars because of water on the land we own. Why can't we drain our water so that it goes on to our neighbor's land? Our land would be worth more and the land around us would be worth less because they would have less tillable acres due to the water off our land. It is our land; we can do what we want, right? No, they do not let us do this!

If the wind towers are going to be approved, why can't we drain our water onto other land? We could have over 12 million dollars of grain sales next 50 years. That's not even counting how much more the land would be worth next 50 years with that many more tillable acres. It's our land can't we make money off of it?



(Red line is proposed drainage ditch to drain to neighbors' field.)

My whole point is why do some landowners get to put wind towers on their land for financial gain? There are farmyards that are ½ mile away that only own the farmyard, not the land around it, making the landowners farm land devalued in price.



I took this picture on November 14th, 2019 while we were hunting along County Road 1. This farm is south of Larson on Section 2 in Harmonious Township. Basin Brokers has their for-sale sign in the driveway. This farmyard, located in the open prairie, is something homeowners dream of having. Imagine buying this yard and one day the picture changes. The wind tower project proposes on building towers 35,34,33,37,38,43,50,49,48,47 (page 2 map) within a mile and you don't own the land around you, only your farmstead. Would anyone want to buy a farmyard with wind towers all around it? That farm was purchased before the wind company started this process and now the owner of this farm must be penalized because of other people who want to make money off their land with wind towers. I can't think of one thing that could be put on the land around this farm or anyone else's farm that would make this place less desirable. There are other farm homes that are all within a ½ mile of wind towers that do not own the land outside their farmyard. Are they going to penalize them also? They have lived there forever or have purchased these farm homes for a lot of money before the wind company started. Why should they have to decrease the value of their farm home because other landowners (who do not live on the land located by the towers) are going to take a financial gain? If you wanted to purchase a farm yard with 20 acres along a nice county road in Burke County, would you buy it with wind towers ½ mile all around it or would you buy it somewhere else in Burke County where there isn't a wind farm ? Sit and think about that for a second...

What would happen if this is how a city operated? Imagine a new neighbor wanting to build something on his lot that would make your house value, and others around it go down, and the same neighbor would profit from his while yours was devalued? Is this right? Would the city council approve this? Is that neighbor going to tell the city council "well it's my lot I can do what I want because I own the lot." Are we going to treat someone's home on a lot in town different than another person's home in town on a lot? We own land on two sides of Columbus, North Dakota. Can we put something on our land that the town would not approve of just because we own the land? Can someone build a bar next to a high school just because they own the land around it and want to make money off their land? What about if someone owns land around an airport? "It's my land, I'm putting wind towers up." No one would let you put wind towers around an airport that has been there forever. Why is farming any different? Our land has also been here forever. We hire planes in our farming operation, but they will not spray close to the proposed towers. Just because we live in the country does not mean we need to be treated differently.

If you want to sell the water on your land in Burke County, you must send in an application to even try to sell it. Owning the land does not mean you can do what you want!

If you want to transfer water from one quarter, that you own, to another quarter, that you own, you cannot do that. Just because you own the land does not mean you can do what you want!

Has anyone read the information about what percentage of people are going to receive checks for these towers and that actually live in our county or in our state? The landowners that we rent land from, and are getting towers, do not live in the county full time. Only 2 of them live part time in Burke County and signed up for the wind towers on their land. I received the list of names which go with the tower locations from Marla MacBeth of the Burke County Planning and Zoning Commission. To our knowledge, there is only 3 families out of the 23 families receiving towers that live here full time, 16 of the 23 live out of the area, and 4 of the 23 live part-time in tower area within 6 miles or less.

Has anyone thought of the long-term effects of this? Will anyone want to move to this part of Burke County if this would happen? Is it fair that some people would rather build a house or buy land in other parts of Burke County and not where the wind towers are? Is it fair to everyone who owns land in Burke County around the towers who didn't sign up for them? We drove through McGregor, North Dakota not too long ago. Has anyone asked how that town has really boomed after wind towers are just 2 miles away? Didn't Northern Divide Wind Energy say how this is really going to help our small towns? Has it helped McGregor? Nothing has changed in McGregor!!!!!! The dollar on the street is the same as it was before wind towers.

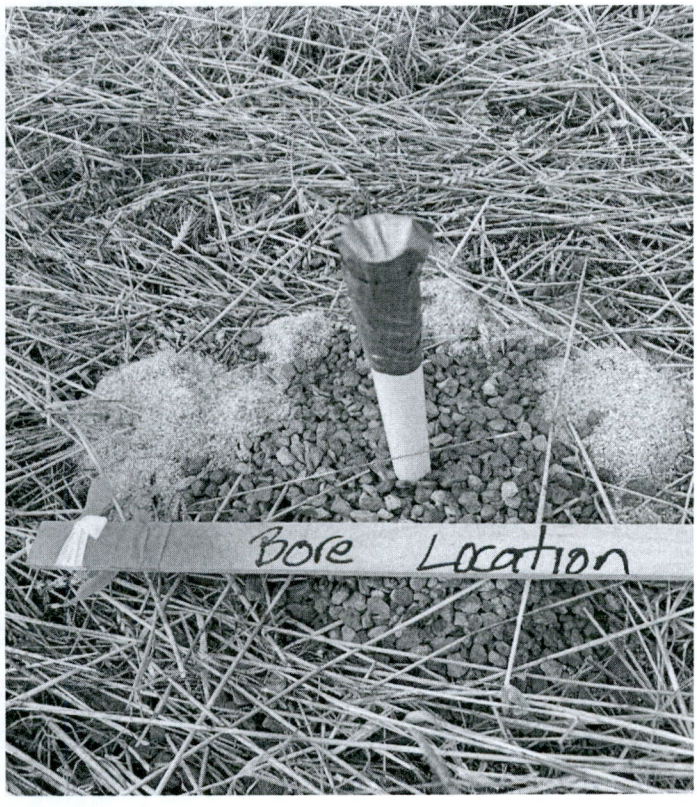
What happens if someone who didn't sign up for the wind towers wants to sell his/her quarter of land and other farmers don't want to buy it because it's worth less than land that doesn't have a wind tower on it ? What happens if he loses $50,000 or $100,000 on it? They pay county taxes just like the rest of us do on the land but will get penalized financially because it has a wind tower 600 feet from land he doesn't own. What happens if it devalues most of the land by the wind towers and they did not sign up for it? Roughly, there is 36 sections inside and around the Northern Divide Wind Energy Map; 36 sections which is 144 quarters of land and are worth $25,000 less than they would be if that $3.6 million of lost income for the landowners didn't have towers. Is that fair to those landowners in Burke County?

Has anyone asked the FSA Conservation Service what happens when they put all these wind towers on side hills that are only 600 feet away from someone else's land? All the water washes down the steep grades and washes the neighbors land, resulting in losing his CSP payments or their FSA payments, and they had not even signed up for the wind towers. They could potentially lose tillable land because of the tower water erosion. The tower will be out of the farm program but all the tillable land around the towers are enrolled in the farm program. Who is going to pay the government back the payment? What happens if you lose all your payments on all your land just because of this one quarter by the tower? These are all farm programs that were signed up for the farm program long before the wind company was here.

When I called into the hearing on April 17th, 2020 I asked about crop spraying. Does the person who does not want a wind tower on their land have to get penalized and change the way he farms because a man-made wind tower? This is going to change the way the natural air flows around his land. During the hearing call-in, Northern Divide's representative asked if I had contacted the wind tower people about policy. I had no need to contact them because my spray pilot from Kenmare, ND, Julius Brekhus of Great Plains Aero Inc., told me he would not aerially spray fungicide or herbicide on any of the land we farm located by a wind tower in the proposed map area.

The towers on the picture below were just bored on November 11th, 2019 on the land we rent. The picture of the track machine below is on tower number 72, which is roughly 600 ft away from land that does not have towers on it. Our sprayer has 132 ft wide booms. That puts us only 468 ft from land that does not have wind towers. Has anyone thought about how the wind tower's airflow will affect drifting on to the land that does not have a wind tower? Spraying is one of the most challenging and most important things on a farm today. Farmers do not know what the wind current will be until they are in the field within minutes of spraying. We have a weather station on our sprayer and our own weather station on our farm just to monitor wind speeds every minute of the day. Are we supposed to call the wind tower company and have them shut the towers off 5 minutes before we spray? What happens if we wanted them off and

they did not go off until the next day? What if they came on a day too soon, or while we are spraying when the wind is wrong, and we do not get our land sprayed. What happens if the canola is ready to flower and we miss our opportunity to spray it and it is too late? What happens if the farmer gives the maps to the local elevator co-op to get their crop sprayed that is near towers, or on land that doesn't have a tower but is by towers? Whose responsibility is it to notify the wind tower company to shut down towers for spraying; the co-op, the renter, or the landowner? With all these towers moved now to tillable acres, how is this going to work for people who rent the land that the towers are on, or rent and spray land without towers that are by the proposed towers? Timing is everything in spraying! We would lose major amounts of income because of it! Is the wind company going to cut us a check for our lost income from the inability to spray? The wind tower company did not even contact us before they drove in our unharvested crop in the summer of 2018 and again last fall (second picture is from November 11th 2019). Does anyone know about the elevations of the new towers that were bored in November 2019 on this land we rent?



Bore location on tower 72 is pictured above.

The Picture below:

Yellow numbers are tower number locations

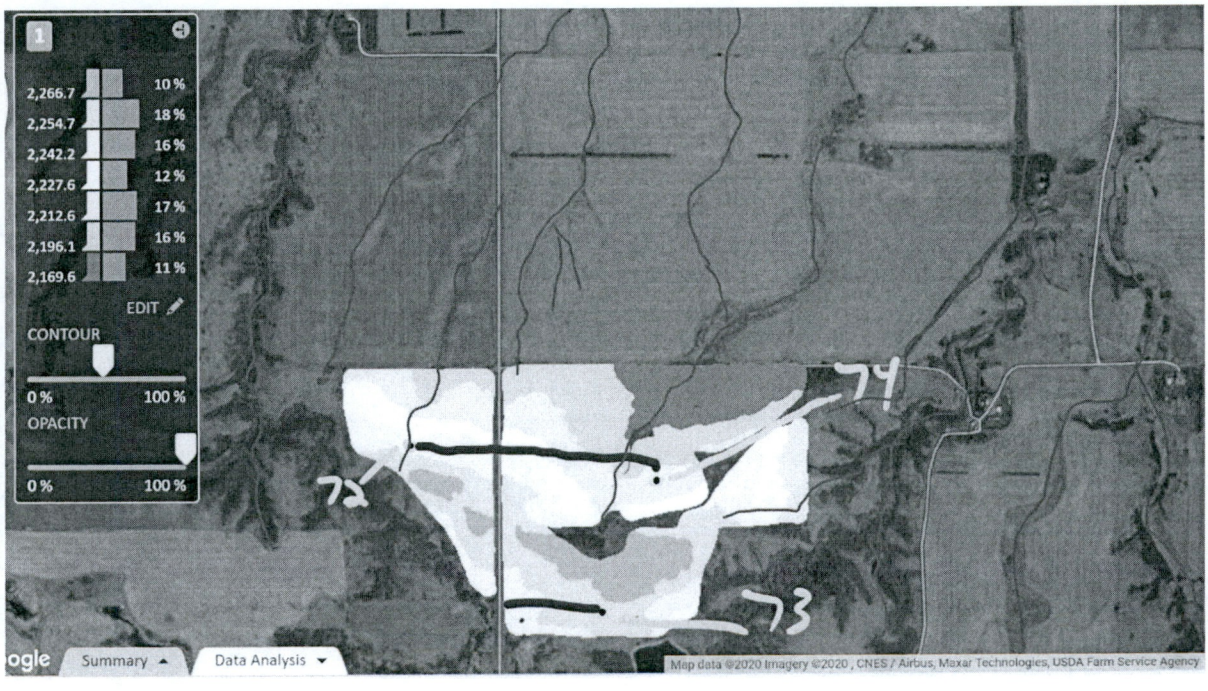
Blue lines are water which runs south to north

Purple is tower roads that run east and west

Towers 72, 74, And 73 from the Northern Divide Tower Map. Elevations layer map on land we rent in Section 4 of Leaf Mountain.

Numbers on the left side of the picture below are elevation in feet.

North



South

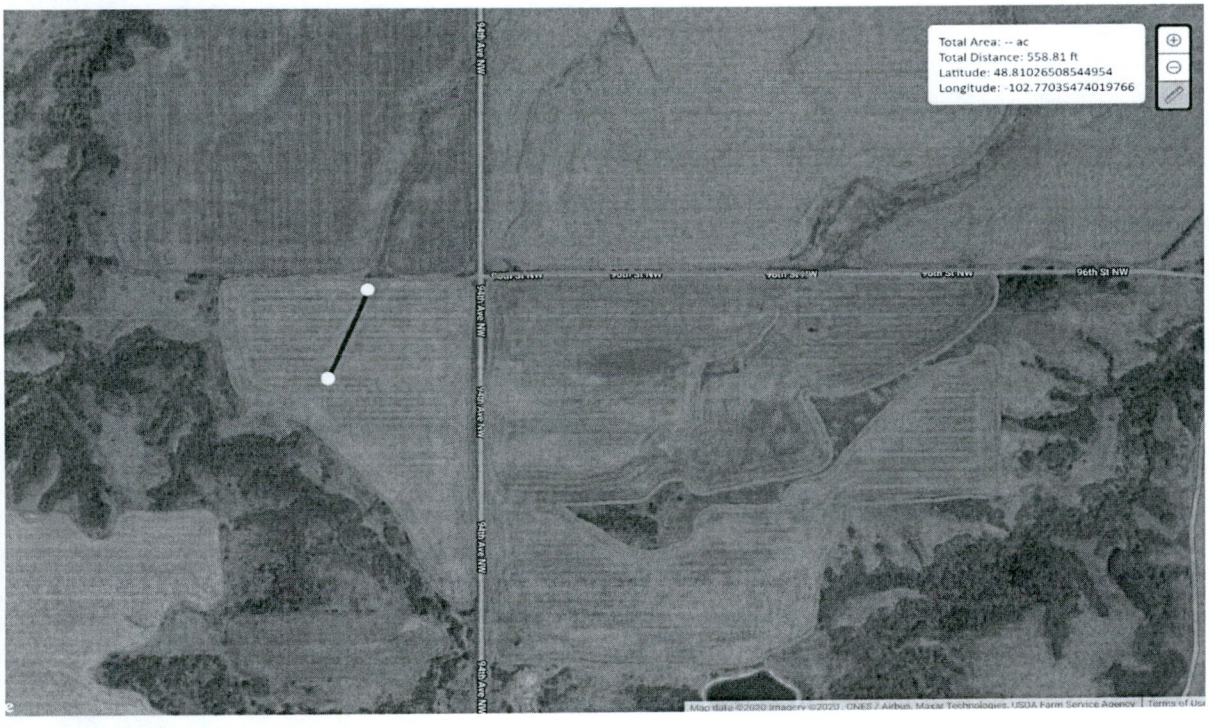
We have mapped elevations since 2008 on every acre of land we farm with RTK GPS Signal (sub inch accuracy). This helps us learn where the water runs and how to manage erosion since all our land is in the farm program that we rent and own. On these two fields towers 72,73,74 are going in on land we rent. Since they moved all these towers on to tillable land, it is a major concern for erosion. This land might appear flat on paper, but it is far from that. Water on this map runs south to the north and the wind tower company will be putting roads in east and west. On tower 72 location it has an elevation of 2242 feet. From tower 72 location to the far north of the field it drops to 2169 ft elevation in just 558 feet. That's a 73 foot drop in this field,

basically just under the length of two football fields. On one smaller field where tower 72 is located there is a 97-foot difference in south to north elevations!!!! We have implemented extreme measures to preserve agricultural land from water erosion for all the land we own and rent and have very little erosion problems because of this. Once water starts, it can destroy everything it goes on, especially when dirt is moved. Northern Divide wants to build these roads east and west in these locations all over the wind tower map. Once you divert the water from its natural path it is going to wreck everything! What happens if it holds water on the south part of the field and then on the north side it starts going into the landowners' field in a different direction? What happens if it washes out their road and it is in our field or the field to the north, who isn't in the wind program? What happens if we can't stop it and it keeps washing out the field to the north that is our neighbors? We all know, once we move dirt on the hills, they will never be the same again. We still have contracts for this rented land and all of it is in the farm program. We must preserve agricultural land in Burke County!!!!!!!!

The farther you go north the more the elevation continues to drop.

Black line with white dots is total distance from tower location to the lowest point of where water drains. Only roughly 558 feet (notice feet in white box in right side of picture below).

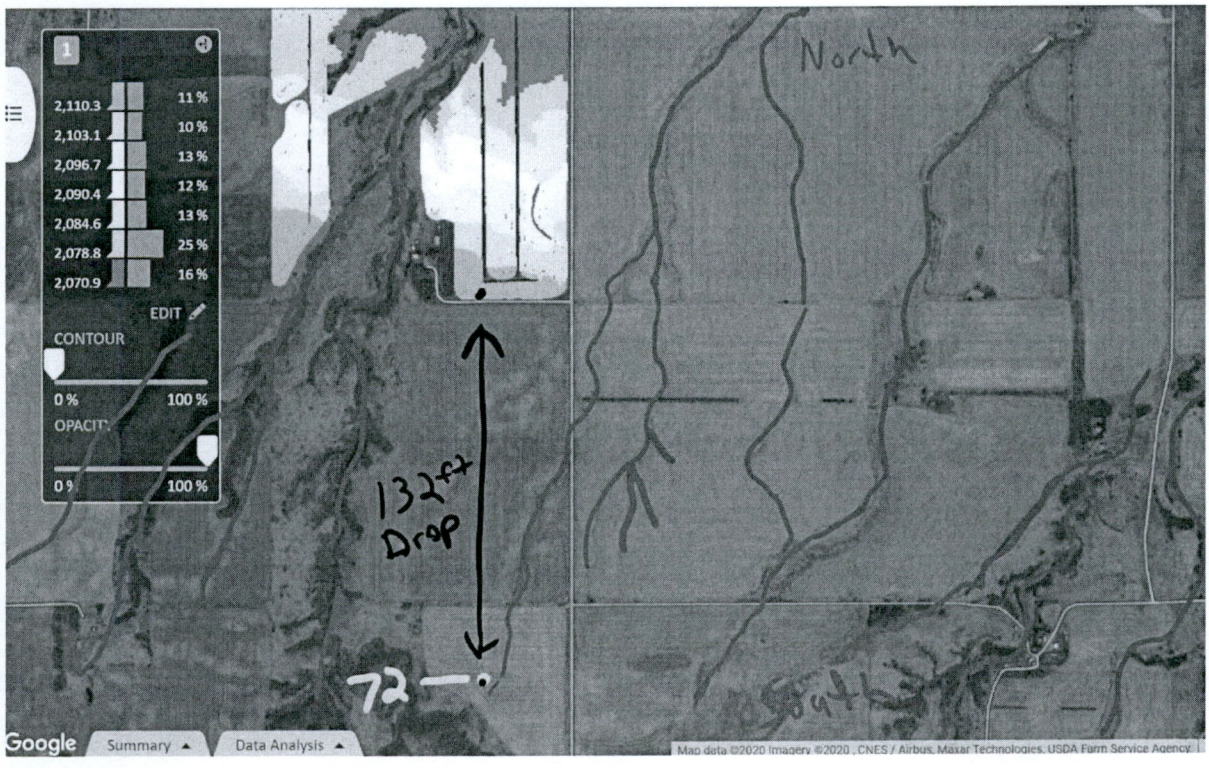
North



South

This picture below shows the distance from tower 72 to just a little over half mile to our field we rent to the north.

North



South

In just over a half mile the drop is 132 feet!!!! When I was listening to the hearing on April 17th, 2020, Northern Divide Wind Energy said the towers are roughly 480 feet to the top of the blade straight up. If you are a ½ mile away they are actually 612 feet high. This is another reason why our spray plane pilot, Julius Brekhus of Great Plains Aero, Inc. from Kenmare, will not spray our fields by wind towers. The google picture, I highlighted in blue, shows all the water that drains out from south to north and that's why roads will never work east and west.

Picture below is tower 31 from the Northern Divide Tower map on land we rent in Section 27 in Keller Township.

Purple line is tower roads that go east and west

Blue lines is water that flows south to north

Green Dot highest point

Red Dots lowest point

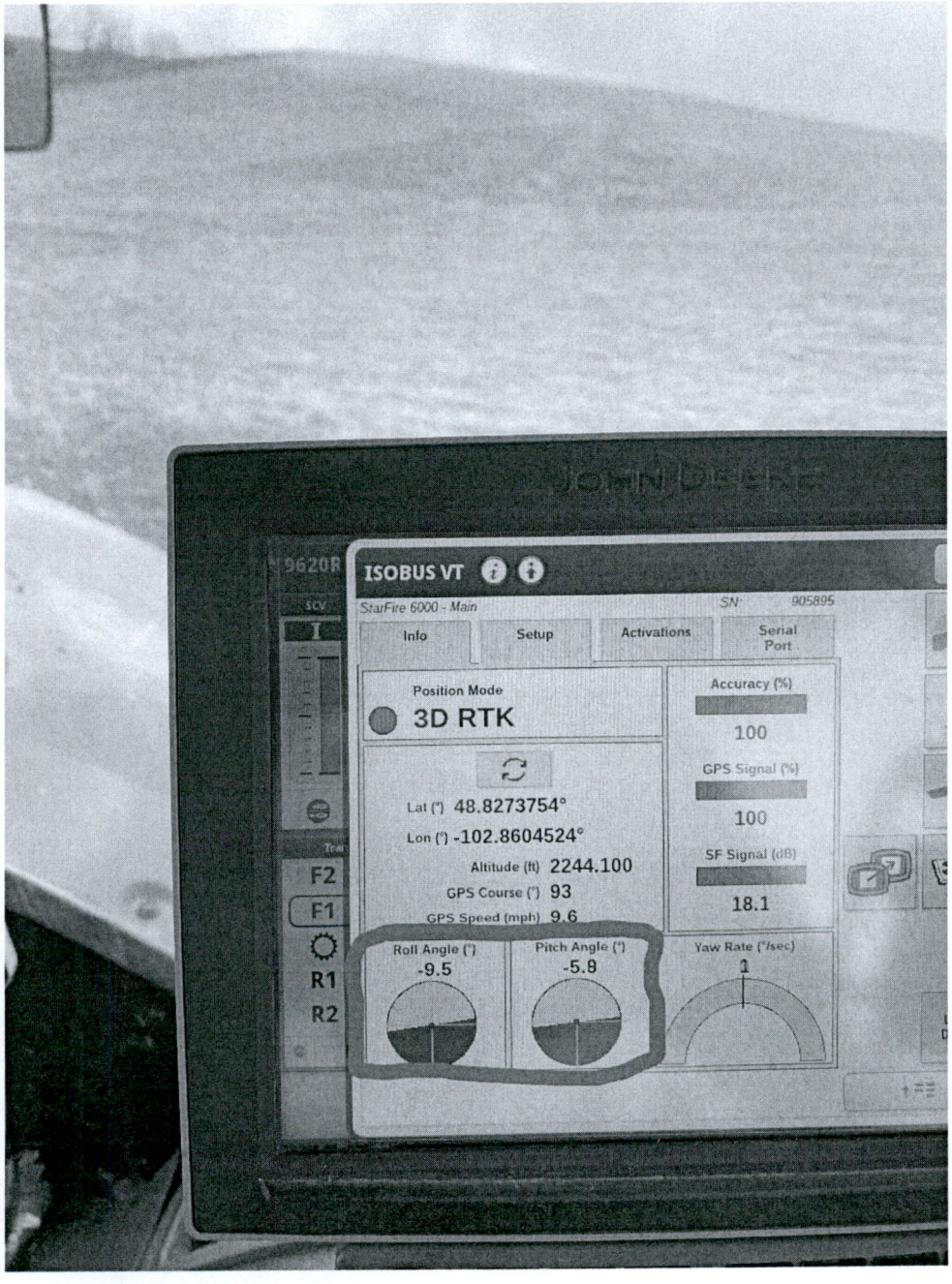
North



South

At tower 31 location elevation is at 2213 ft. The highest point south of tower location (green dot) is at 2270 feet and bottom of water flow at the northern end of field (red dots) is at 2180ft. That's a 90 foot drop in just 1427 feet (Picture to show that below) Roads put in east and west will divert water and cause major erosion to this land. Diverting water like this that flows south to north is a major issue and once it starts it will not be stopped and also will cause damage into the neighbor's field to the north. We have worked awfully hard through many years to keep the land from eroding away!!!!!

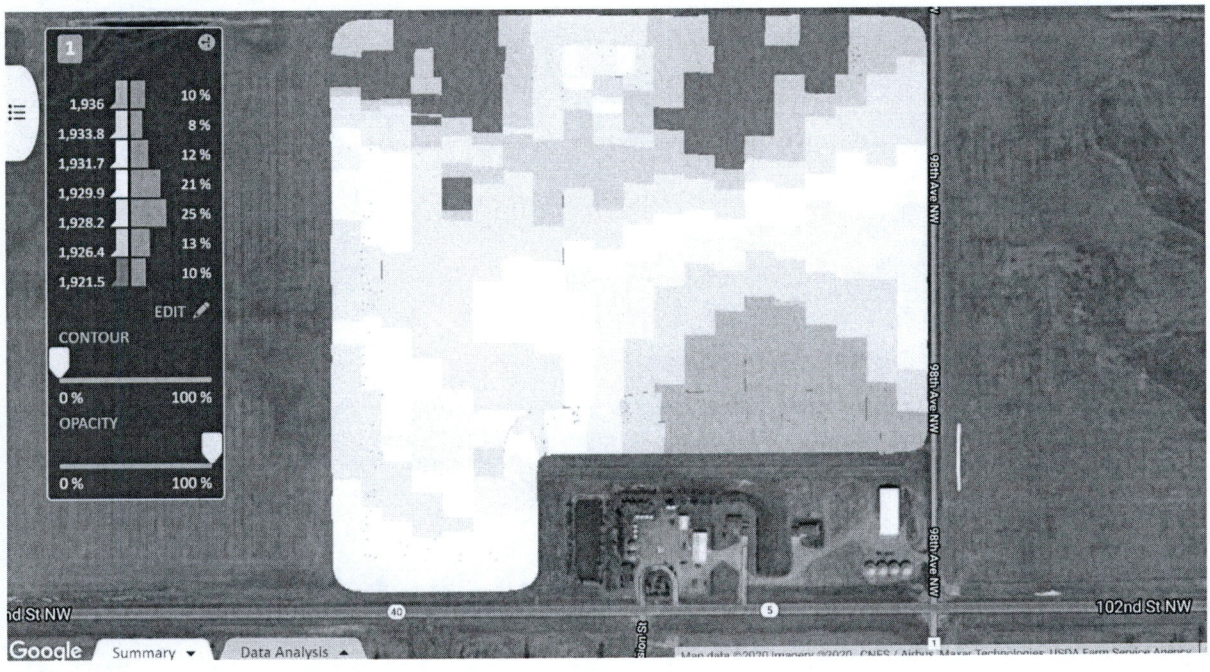
As I said in the hearing call on April 17th, 2020 the percent grades are very steep where the towers are projected to go in. (-9.5 roll angle and -5.9 pitch angle in degrees) Picture is taken around where tower 31 is to go in.



This is the elevation map of our farm where we live. In just 4 miles to the south is the Northern Divide Wind Tower 31 which is at 2213 feet. Our house elevation is 1936 feet. That is a 277 foot drop. The wind tower will look to us at 757 ft high!!!!!! How high is 757 ft?

Fargo Dome 125 Ft – Statue of Liberty 305 Ft – High Roller Las Vegas 550 Ft – Washington Monument – 555 Ft – Space Needle 605 Ft

Looking out our front living room window these towers will look 152 Ft higher than the Space Needle.



Why was Northern Divide Wind already boring holes and driving through unharvested fields before this project was even approved? Do they have any respect for the people who own and rent farmland in Burke County? Do they respect how things are approved in our state? What other company can do what they want before something gets approved? That's like saying -I have an overload permit for next week to transfer something very heavy through Burke County but I know it will be approved "I think anyway" so I'm going to do it now. What happens if a company starts working on a $300 million project on Broadway in Minot before getting it approved by the city? They get turned down but start working again on their project before the city has approved once again? Northern Divide Wind has NO respect for the landowners or the renters of the land where the towers will possibly be placed. They never contacted us about driving in our field or what we need to get paid for damages before they proceeded to go on this land where towers 72,73 and 74 will go. They were contacted and I currently have not been paid for damages. They have all the GPS locations where they drive and how many feet they drive in the fields. Pictures below are from November 11th, 2019 on the land we rent. The land

was just signed up for wind towers last fall 2019. The tracks are from where they drove to mark the spot prior to November 11th, 2019 and the track boring machine was from November 11th 2019.

Tower location 72 with track machine and pickup driving through unharvested wheat field



Tower 73 location - drove through our unharvested wheat field







What about the county roads, along with the township roads and prairie trails in the townships? What happens when the wind company wrecks the access of the county roads leading to the towers? I went out a few weeks ago and attached a 4K GoPro to my pickup and one to our side-by-side and drove every county road, township road, and prairie trail in the townships where Northern Divide Tower Map is located. I filmed over 65 miles of video of every inch of every gravel road and prairie trail. I have proof of every inch of road and how well they have been maintained. All of our roads are currently in excellent shape. What about these large trailers that will be hauling the towers? We have a hard time getting around with 48-foot grain trailers. Our roads will be destroyed by the weight of all of their equipment and towers they will be bringing in. Burke County Road 1 and Burke County Road 6 are the heart of the county to access all of our fields. We access 40 quarters of land south of Larson and south of Columbus where the towers are proposed to go in. What happens if we can't get our crop in because we don't have access to our fields? Who is going to pay for our lost income of not getting our crop in? We farm 2,335 acres with access from Burke County Road 1 and 1932 acres with access from Burke County Road 6. With a $200 return per acre that's $853,400. Is Burke County going to pay us back for not getting our air drills down the roads? Is the wind company going to pay? This is just our farm. Think of all the other farmers in the area who also use these two main roads. The Burke County Commissioners did not let the rest of the construction of Highway 5 get built between Columbus and Lignite last fall because the highway construction crew could not access the asphalt pit due to the county road being shut down to trucks. That decision last fall means that our county roads must be extremely high priority to Burke County.



GoPro wide angle showing Burke County Road 1 in excellent shape for spring 2020.

What about safety in the wind farm area since they are on tillable acres where farmers work on these lands most of the year? I just did a simple Google search and found two things that came up right away. The picture below is from rechargenews.com from February 22, 2019. What happens if we are in the field that day and this happens? How safe are these? This looks very unsafe to be around when we already use large equipment. If these towers are 480 ft high and fall to the north that's a 90 ft drop like I showed in the picture above. How bad would that be? From the Northern Divide Wind map tower 72 on the picture, I showed before, is only 558 feet from the neighbor's field to the north. After the tower falls it could possibly be on the neighbor's field and put him at risk as well. How long will it take to get the mess cleaned up?

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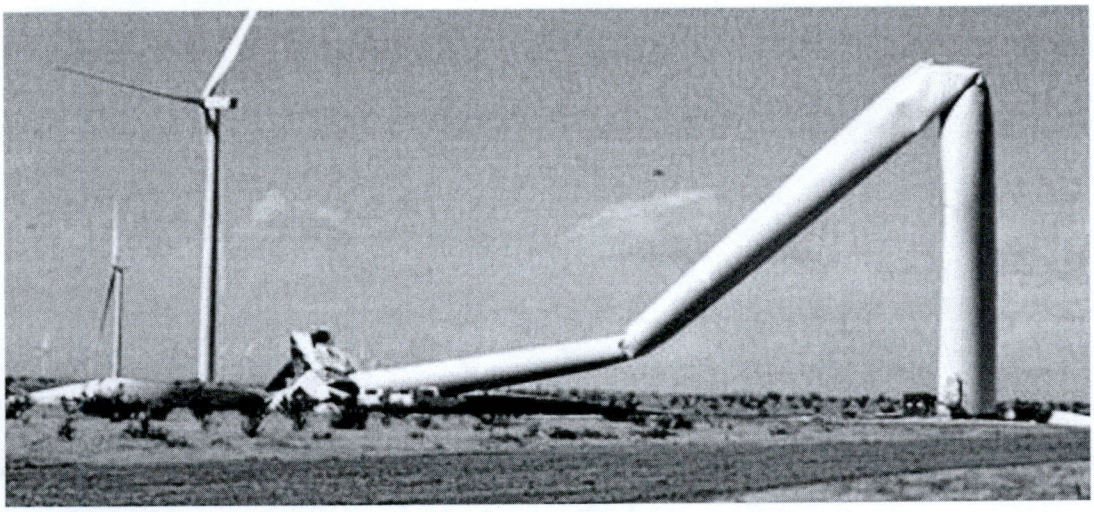

Toppled turbine at NextEra Energy Resources' Casa Mesa Wind Energy Center in New Mexico Photo: Shawna Shoemaker Stowe via Facebook

GE turbine collapses at NextEra's latest US wind farm

GE believes failure of recently-installed machine is 'isolated incident' as investigation continues

22 February 2019 21:43 GMT *UPDATED 31 May 2019 12:59 GMT*
By **Richard A. Kessler in Fort Worth**

GE Renewable Energy said it believes a turbine collapse in the US state of New Mexico is "an isolated incident" as an investigation continues. The turbine OEM is

The GE probes third turbine collapse at US wind farms this year

Credit: By Andrew Lee | Recharge | 09 July 2019 | www.rechargenews.com ~~

A GE turbine has collapsed at a wind farm in Nebraska, marking the third such incident involving its turbines in the US this year – although *Recharge* understands investigations of the two earlier failures suggests no common factor behind the spate of dramatic topplings.

The latest turbine came down on 5 July at Invenergy's 200MW Upstream Wind Energy Center, which only began operations at the beginning of 2019.

Nobody was injured by the collapse of the GE 2.5-116 turbine at the wind farm in Antelope County, near the city of Norfolk.

A spokesperson for GE Renewable Energy told *Recharge*: "GE was notified on 5 July of a 2.5-116 turbine collapse at the Upstream wind farm in Nebraska. GE immediately deployed a team to the site, and is working closely with the wind farm operator to determine the root cause of this incident.

"We stand by the quality and reliability of our turbines, and we are taking immediate action with our customer to resolve this issue. GE Renewable Energy's best-selling 2MW product platform will have a total installed capacity of more than 15GW by the end of 2019 and operates at an industry-leading average of 98-plus percent availability."

Invenergy said in a statement sent to *Recharge*: "Invenergy is investigating the incident at Upstream Wind Energy Center. One turbine, a GE 2.5-116, was impacted and the wind farm remains fully operational and is generating electricity."

The Nebraska incident is the third collapse of a GE machine in the US this year. In February a GE 2.5-127 turbine came down at the Casa Mesa Wind Energy Center in eastern New Mexico, which entered commercial operation in the fourth quarter of last year.

Then in May, a GE 2.4-107 turbine crumpled to the ground at the Chisholm View 2 wind farm in Oklahoma, prompting the launch of an investigation at the project, which entered service in 2016.

As it launches the third collapse inquiry, GE Renewable Energy has identified and addressed the root causes of the two turbine failures earlier this year, *Recharge* understands from sources close to the investigations.

The May incident is understood to be down to an issue experienced during a turbine reboot, which is being addressed with a software update.

The earlier collapse at the Casa Mesa Wind Energy Center, operated by NextEra, is being attributed to a fuse-related blade issue while the turbine was running in overspeed mode during high winds, causing rotor imbalance and tower collapse.

Nobody was hurt in the February or May collapses. The two incidents – now followed by the third in Nebraska – led to questions over a potential common root cause. But *Recharge* understands the two earlier failures are being differentiated and, while the latest investigation is still in its very early stages, it is not immediately being linked to the other two.

Recharge reported after the second incident in May how academics at Birmingham University in the UK said the wind industry needs to develop a better understanding of the complex interplay of factors that can lead to turbine collapse.
Source: By Andrew Lee | Recharge | 09 July 2019 | www.rechargenews.com

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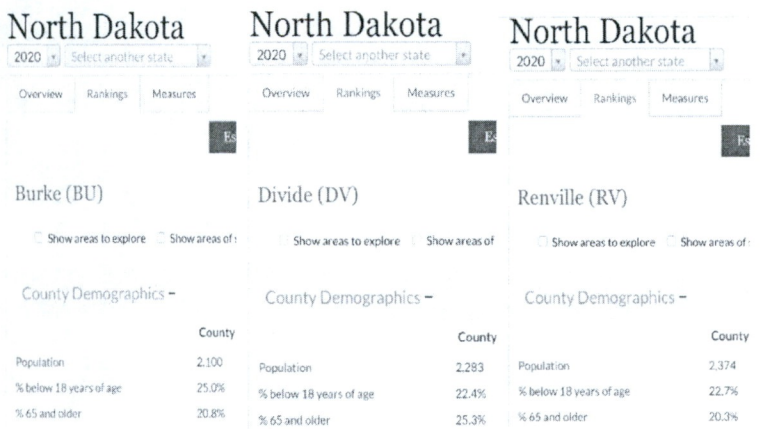
After reading this article, it really puts into perspective how all of them are on tillable acres where farms reside. This puts the safety of all entities in the field (co-ops spraying and fertilizer, etc.) at risk because these towers can collapse at any time!!!

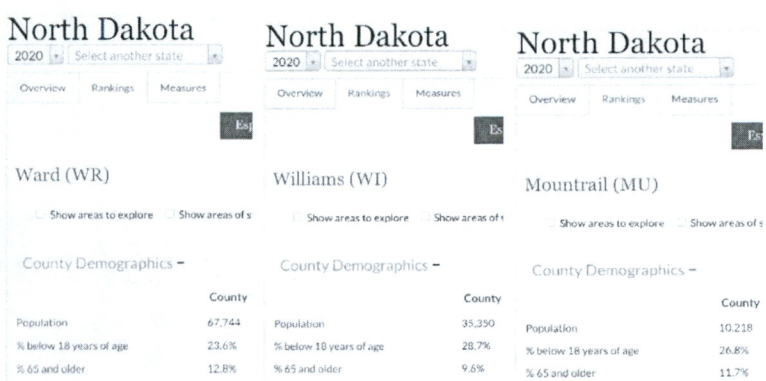
COVID-19 Concerns:

The wind tower company keeps saying they will hire local residents. Most farmers are always looking for help. It's very hard to find workers to run large equipment for us. I am unsure what the unemployment rate in Burke County may be but I'm sure it's very low as of today even with COVID-19. More than likely they will not be able to fill these jobs with local residents so what happens if they need to hire out of state? What happens if their states have a "stay at home" order when they are hired for our local wind tower project? As of today, it looks as if there are more than 300 million Americans in 42 states that are being urged to stay at home. How are they going to get to North Dakota for a job when they are not supposed to leave their state? Their state says they must stay at home for safety and we are going to allow Northern Divide to recruit these workers to our state? Each day our cases of COVID-19 are steadily rising in North Dakota. We recently had 2 positive cases in Burke County. If all of these workers hired by the wind tower company come into our state, are they going to comply with our current guideline to quarantine for 14 days once they get to North Dakota? Will our governor continue to take steps to keep businesses closed? What about gatherings of more than 10 people? We do not have large hotels in the

surrounding areas. We do not have enough housing for the magnitude of workers that would be coming in for this project. How do you pack a hotel full of workers in Crosby or Kenmare? Are they going to send everyone to Minot? All these people will need accommodations for food, thus sending them around to our local grocery stores potentially infecting other residents.

The average age of Burke County residents above the age of 65 is twice the percentage of Ward, Williams and Mountrail counties located south and southeast of us. I contacted the Burke County Health Nurse for more information on average age of residents living in our county. She gave me the website www.countyheathrankings.org for information. When I searched Burke County and 5 surrounding counties, the average age above 65 was pretty incredible. The counties of Burke, Divide and Renville had twice the percentage of residents 65 or older than Ward, Williams and Mountrail counties. This puts Burke County at an even higher risk of residents getting COVID-19.





How do we control this virus right now with all the uncertainty? Looking at the state health and all the counties that have cases, it is obvious that it is spreading in North Dakota with no way of knowing how

to stop it. Our state has done a great job controlling this outbreak. All of our front-line workers in the medical field are working like crazy to fight this horrible virus. We have never had the state shut down so many businesses before in our history. Surrounding states have more cases than our state, so how do you get workers from those states here without community spread? The one thing about where we live, when one person gets the virus we know where they been and who they were with. We are such a small community that everyone already knows everyone. We take this very, very seriously. We have basically had no contact with anyone except our immediate households and going to the grocery store we try to limit to once a week to minimize exposure. We have most things for the farm shipped in. Every decision we do now can affect so many people and put them at risk, so basically what I'm saying is this is the greatest health risk our generation has ever seen. This is a very scary situation bringing in these huge companies right now to our small area. My father and grandma are both cancer survivors along with many others in the area and coronavirus would be the last thing they would want to get after everything they have had to go through!!!!

Wildlife

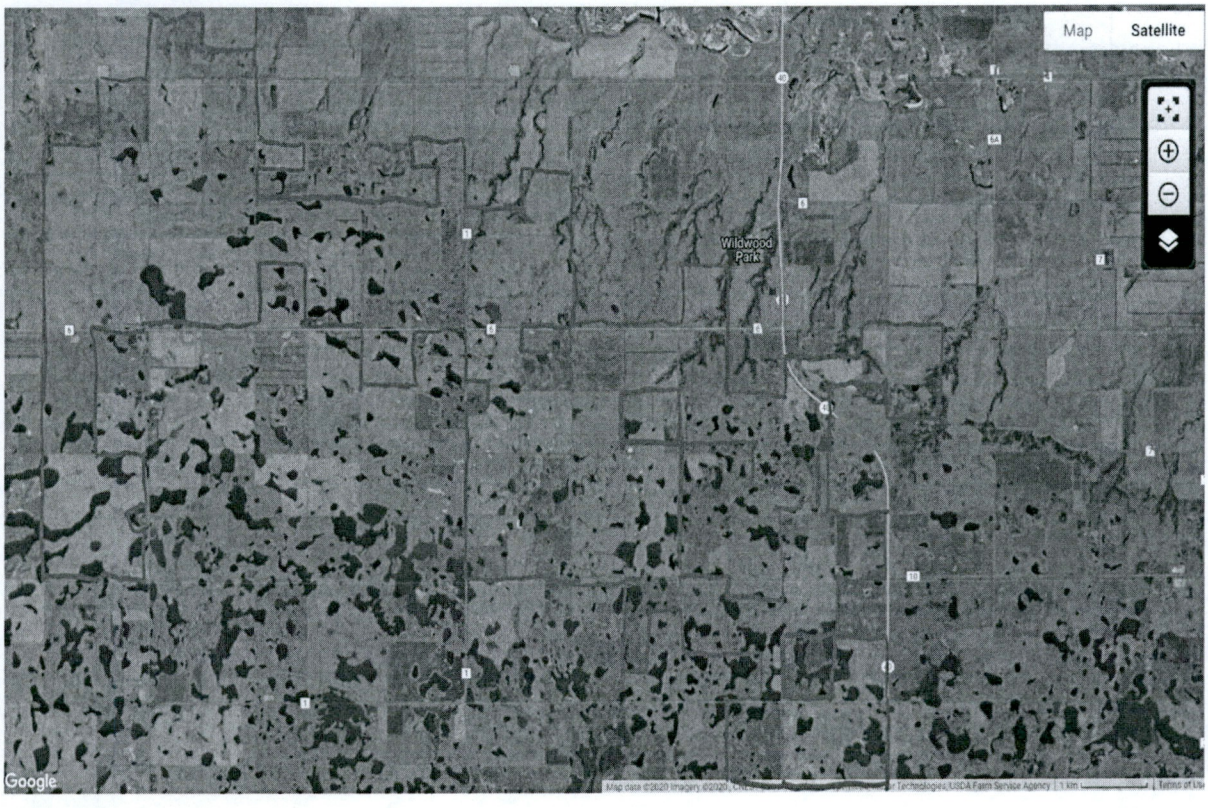
One of the best things in life is hunting in North Dakota and in Burke County. My family has always enjoyed the great outdoors and had that tradition of going out on opening day of deer season with family and friends. First day of pheasant season is always a great time to see everyone come together to enjoy the beauty of Burke County. We get many people who ask to hunt on our land and it seems like most of them always say "wow you guys don't know how lucky you are to live where you do". It is always a great complement to hear especially when people travel thus far to get here. Many of our friends and family travel from the eastern part of the state because the pheasant and goose hunting is amazing here. That must mean North Dakota is doing a great job for wildlife preservation. Just south of Columbus, Larson and Lignite there is amazing habit for all animals with abundant trees, fields for feeding, water, and steep coulees for animals to take cover from the cold.

On the Northern Divide Wind Tower map, they have all surrounding land greyed out so you are unable to actually see how much water is around the proposed area. Here is a clearer picture to see everything.

Here is a clearer picture to show our land we farm within the proposed wind tower map and as you will notice it shows a large amount of water that provides an amazing habitat for wildlife in the county.

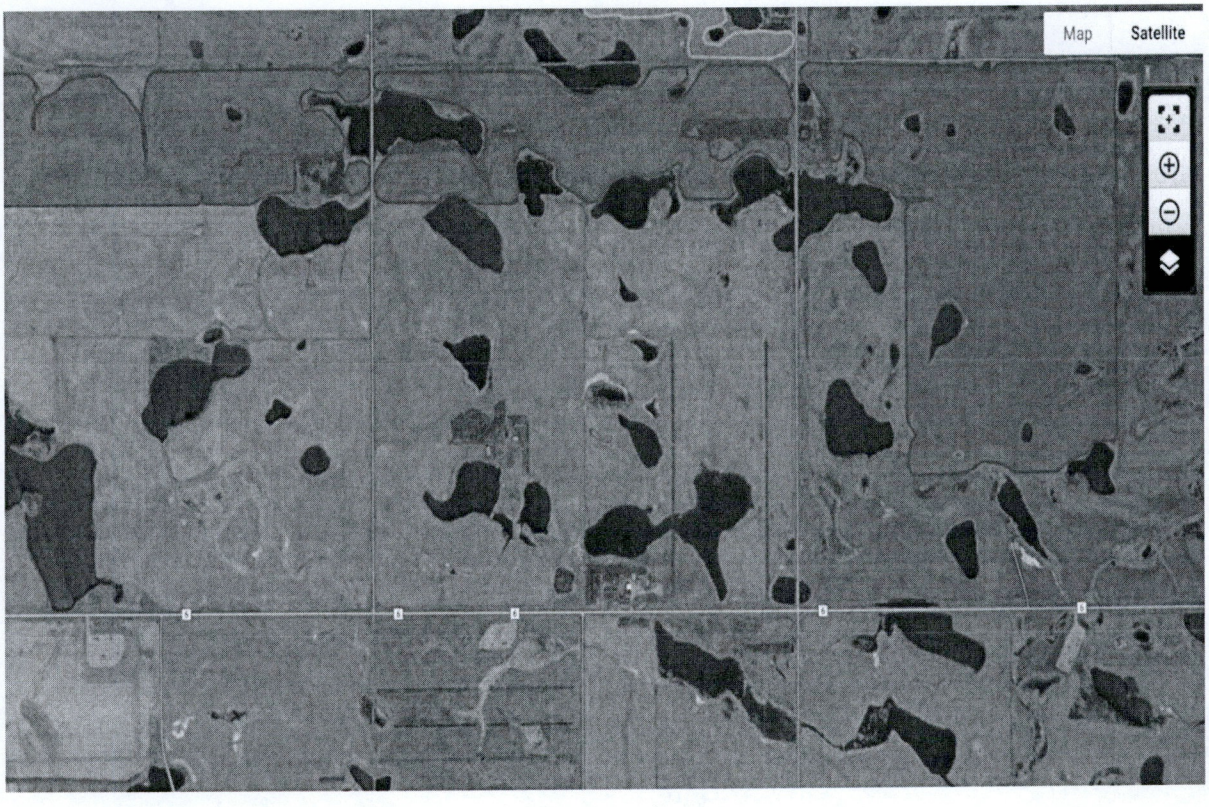
The Purple outlines are the land we farm that people hunt on.

The Blue outlines is the Northern Divide Wind tower area.



You couldn't find a worse place to put a wind farm than where Northern Divide Wind Energy picked.

Picture below is zoomed in view of habitat in Sections 32 , 33, 34 in Keller Township



This is great time of year to get out and see how many geese migrate and feed off the tillable acres that is all within the Northern Divide Wind tower map area.

These Pictures Below are from Monday April 20th 2020 on Section 28, 32, 33, 34 in Keller Township

Looking SE on Section 34 Keller Township where towers 34 ,33 and 32 would be.



Looking east. Section 28 on left , Section 33 on the right Keller Township.



Looking SW where Section 33 and 32 come together in Keller township Where Northern Divide Wind Energy map towers 28,27,26 are proposed to go.



Looking SW on Section 33 Keller Township (North Half)



More of Section 33 Keller Township



It is especially important to preserve wildlife and agriculture in Burke County in every way possible. Agriculture has been here for the last 100 years and will continue to be here for the next 100 years. We are not like other businesses; our business is here to stay where other businesses can have the opportunity to move elsewhere. Northern Divide Wind, LLC proposed wind tower project will majorly affect agriculture, wildlife, and every day living in Burke County. The COVID-19 pandemic is one of the most important things that should also be strongly considered for the safety of our county residents. I strongly feel that wind towers would leave a devastating impact on our lives and our children's lives. It is adamant to leave the county as it was left for us; to live in and enjoy! **This is not only a lifetime decision for us right now, this is a decision that will impact our next generation!**

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I hope I have given you a little more insight towards issues that we face as farmers, hunters, and a small community regarding wind towers. **I will strongly encourage you to vote NO against the proposed Northern Divide Wind, LLC wind tower project in Burke County!**

Respectfully submitted,



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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide Wind Project

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Shelley Jacobson <shelleyj4@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:45 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Northern Divide Wind Project

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To the members of the Public Service Commission: 4/21/20

Responsible – a characteristic to which we should all strive to be.

Before you is a project that as members of the PSC you have the ability to, to use a phrase of today, "flatten the curve of environmental change". The world is changing quickly, and not in a good way. Whole ecosystems are changing as a result of an ever increasingly warmer world, which is changing weather to a more severe state. Weather events are producing more rain, droughts are lasting longer, and waters are warming causing levels to rise which deepens weather patterns feeding into the volatility. This results in large scale flooding and fires, along with the displacement and extinction of plant and animal species. These effects are just the tip of the iceberg, which are also melting at alarming rates. The negative effects of man's increasing greenhouse gas emissions from fossil carbon could fill volumes, but this is just a letter to make a point.

Going from a world scale to a state one, this project represents a very stable tax base to benefit the state and county. This in turn will also add additional money to the state. North Dakota has grown accustomed to oil revenue, which has taken a severe down-turn as of late. It has always been subject to great volatility.

Let's shrink the scale further, Burke County. The school system here in Bowbells has taken a big hit with a 10% loss of children this school year, to bring K-12 down to 65 children; a loss of seven children. How long is that sustainable? Bringing in a new project like this brings young people to the local communities. It takes the younger generation to do these jobs due the physical nature of the work involved. These individuals might be bringing families and children to fill some of the school vacancies, buy some of the many houses that are for sale, and be energizing citizens to these aging communities. And we should not forget the direct payments to residents directly affected by infrastructure, which will support incomes and, in some cases,

keep additional people from leaving. After all, agriculture is certainly very volatile, and usually in a bad way.

The need for energy is not going away and this is currently a viable alternative. As a footnote to this, directly across our border in Canada, to replace an aging coal plant, nuclear is being considered!!!!! The biproducts of nuclear energy have never found a permanent solution for storage. In reality, they never will due to the long radioactive half-life of spent uranium. Let's see, a potentially radioactive problem on our doorstep or a wind tower which has played a significant role in the modern history of this country. We as a state also have aging coal plants, what are their options?

North Dakota has a tremendous appetite for electricity, from its infrastructure to support the oil industry right down to all those thousands of electric fans drying the crops North Dakota is known for. Wouldn't it be nice to know that local wind production could aid in those needs instead of fossils fuels further worsening climate change? Why are we not taking into consideration the smaller footprint of each tower, the lack of oil or brine spills contaminating the environment, and roads not being damaged by the endless volume of truck traffic supporting the wells if we have wind as an alternative? Why are we not using the abundant natural resource of wind to produce the energy the world continues to consume?

In summary, everyone has younger people in their lives and the world we are handing over to them is deteriorating at an alarming rate. This is a project that will slow that down turn, create quality jobs for our local communities, help to slow the need for personal tax increases, and provide some stability to the area. A win-win solution!!

As members of the PSC, you have the ability to demonstrate that characteristic – Responsibility – and approve this project. We, as residents and tax payers of Burke County, support the development of the Northern Divide Wind, LLC project.

Thank-you for your consideration. Please note, that we are also mailing you a copy of this email with signatures.

Shelley, Alan, Alex, Tilmer and Anita Jacobson

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In Burke County the Burke County Planning and Zoning Commission (Zoning) meets one hour prior to the Burke County Commissioners (BCC) meeting as one of the three BCC is chairman of the Zoning.

On June 18, 2019, approximately 8am, a letter of notice was given to three of the six members of the zoning that their terms were up. Each member represents a different part of Burke County. The three were each asked if they would take the appointed position again and each verbally responded, yes. In the past, a verbal question and response had always been enough.

An hour later, after the adjournment of the Zoning, when the BCC met, they appointed a person who had been asked to submit a resume, the same one who had signed an "Option and Transmission Easement" with Burk Wind, L.L.C.. The other two positions were uncontested as no one else was contacted.

To clarify, only one of the expiring positions was actively pursued to be replaced. The

reason, he was told, was that "he spoke up too much and asked too many questions".

I am not opposed to wind energy, but am opposed to the siting of such in a major flyway.
A detour on a highway can be managed, a detour in a flyway cannot.

In conclusion, I feel there has been an undercurrent within Burke County politics to purposely place into positions those who will push through the adjenda for wind farms regardless of facts or fact findings

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I have some questions in reference to the "facilitating native grass land and wetland restoration activities on private land."

1) Where is the location in the Northern Missouri Coteau?
2) If not completed in a timely manor by the "turn-key" offset provider, will there be a penalty, a fine?
3) In creating a pothole, for example, what other land will be disturbed such as roads etc.?
4) Who, besides NextEra, will be overseeing this project for compliance?

Also I have concerns on the timing of this project. If approved by the PSC, NextEra will be bringing in workers from other states who will not be quarantined. Burke County has been fortunate to have only two COVID-19 positive testings. As a first responder, I am concerned with a possible outbreak such as the one in Grand Forks at the wind factory. Is the PSC willing to take responsibility for rushing a decision on a non-essential project?

I still feel the online hearing April 17, 2020

was not a fair way to hold a public hearing. I, as well as others, were not able to view the hearing and my phone did not have good reception.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter regarding the proposed wind farm development in Burke County, North Dakota. A particular concern for me is the placement of turbines south of Columbus, near Wildwood Park.

Wildwood Park is located in a pristine wooded coulee that encompasses 240 acres. The park was founded in 1919, and has a lengthy history. North Dakota governor Lynn Frazier spoke at Wildwood in 1921.

Wildwood Park is home to an abundance of wildlife including moose, deer, and more important to this discussion, many species of birds. A quick perusal of ebird.org a website where birders log the birds they see, shows a total of 112 different species of birds have been recorded at Wildwood Park. This is quite a diverse number for a park of that size. I myself am not a birder. I am a volunteer trail builder, who with the blessing of the Columbus Park board have built 1.3 miles of multi-use trail in Wildwood Park with more in development. This trail has been designed for hikers, and mountain bikers. I was not aware of the birders using the park, until I started working on the trails, nor was I aware of the sheer numbers of birds they are seeing there.

The area where these wind turbines are proposed is in the central flyway, and is a major duck breeding area. Wind turbines kill an estimated 140,000 to 328,000 birds each year in North America, according to Audubon.

The rolling hills and vast prairie of Burke County are stunningly beautiful. The aesthetics of a series of towering behemoths speckling the hillsides are not a good fit for Burke County in the daylight, let alone the hundreds of blinking red lights at night overtaking the spectacular heavens seen in this part of the world.

My voice is but one, but I say no to this project.

Sincerely,

Jason Durick

Lignite, ND

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RE: Proposed Northern Divide Wind

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Brian Kroshus, Chairman
Rand Christmann, Commissioner
Julie Fedorchek, Commissioner

Dear Commissioners,

I live in Larson, N.D. & I own land along with my 2 sisters in Leaf Mt. & Fay Twps. The farm where we grew up is straight east of Wildwood Park on Hwy. 40.

I am enclosing a letter written by Jason Durick. He describes Wildwood Park as I remember it growing up so near it. He says the park was founded in 1919 & has a lengthy history. North Dakota governor Lynn Frazier spoke at Wildwood in 1921.

If the proposed Northern Divide project succeeds the turbines will be placed very near the park. Sites 62 & 63 are within a mile of the park. This will destroy the pristine wooded coulee that encompasses 240 acres that Jason describes. I looked up pristine & it means peaceful,

calm, tranquil, which describes this setting perfectly. It makes me very happy that Jason + his friends are reviving the park + it is being used.

Another landmark on Hwy. 40 is Bethany Church which sits high on a hill with a breath taking view. It overlooks our farm + Wildwood Park. Looking west from the front door of Bethany if these turbines come in your attention would be drawn to turbines on 3 sides of the church - to the east, west + south. Many people enjoy visiting this church with a view like none other. Please respect this landmark.

Bethany was being built in 1915 + in 1919 it blew down. It was rebuilt soon after + in 1923 was a very active rural church. It is less than a mile also from turbine #63. It is a vacant church but hosted a wedding there July 2, 2016 + summer worships is held. This very church was spared when a huge prairie fire ripped through CRP fields + destroyed most of the farmstead including what was thought to be the most beautiful barn in Burke Co.

There is another vacant church in Harmonies Twp in the project area + I can't

help out question why the turbines aren't placed as closely to South St. Olaf as they are to Bethany.

In closing please honor + respect our heritage + our beautiful surroundings in this project area + say NO to the Deride Wind Farm.

"The Bottom Line — Do we want to be the generation that allowed this to happen?"

Respectfully,

Les Castel

Bob & Liz Casteel
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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Burke County Wind Tower Project

John, Please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377.

From: Larena Lokken <larenav1612@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:14 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Burke County Wind Tower Project

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Dear Commissioners

I am writing to urge your approval of the Burke County, North Dakota wind project. I understand it is **not** called Northern Divide. I have worked previously in the wind industry and am a landowner in one of the wind projects in Williams County. At your hearing for this project, I testified and listed the reasons why this should be accepted. This was the Lindahl project and is now very successful. It provides a monthly income for us landowners, and increased tax revenue for the state and other tax entities.

I had family that was going to be in the Burke County project before it was rejected and down-sized. I was disappointed for my family, that it was downsized preventing them, and many other landowners from receiving benefits from the new development. But, it should still be approved to let the remaining landowners, and Burke County. to receive the revenue and the tax benefits

I grew up in Burke County, rural Lignite , and now reside in Burlington North Dakota. I've seen the need for new ideas, and new investments to help slow the erosion of our rural way of life and our small communities. What other businesses, or industries have we been able to attract to keep the people in Bowbells and Lignite, and Noonan and Powers Lake (or many other small towns across our state)? Wind is good for North Dakota. I also believe that it should be the right for landowners to decide how their land should be used.

I can tell you, that the payment I get from the towers on my land are a God-send. They help pay my land taxes, my property taxes, and are a reliable income stream that I can count on. I would wish all my neighbors could benefit from payments from the Burke County wind farm. Please approve it.

Sincerely,

Larena McGinnity Life Estate

(now Larena Lokken) 701-641-0229

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.Larena Lokken - Certified Public Accountant

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March 27, 2020

Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Ave., Suite 408
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Re: Northern Divide Wind Project

Dear Public Service Commissioners:

You will soon consider approving the Northern Divide wind project, that was approved by our County Commission and our Planning and Zoning Commission. I hope you will approve it.

I've lived my whole life in Burke County, have worked here for many years, and now have the privilege to serve as the Burke County Auditor. I do want to make it clear that I am writing to you NOT as the County Auditor, but as a concerned citizen of the County and using my own personal resources. I've attended every hearing on this project at the county level and your hearing last year in Bowbells, when it was first considered. Burke County has changed a lot in my life-time. At one time we had about 5-6,000 people. Today we have about 2,000. Farms get bigger and small towns get smaller unless there is something to keep people there (like an oil-boom). Burke County doesn't have much oil activity from the Bakken. (Rarely do we have a drilling rig up here). Rural communities will continue to shrink in population—making rural life less attractive unless we have some economic activity. Without economic activity grocery stores close, clothing stores move, and the hardware store gives up to Menards.

The windfarm won't stop this trend by itself. It's been going on for years in our state. But the windfarm will help. We should try every economic opportunity we can to help rural North Dakota thrive. Northern Divide will bring a few hundred jobs for most of a year to build it, and will have 8-10 permanent, good paying jobs when it's done. These jobs will be filled by young people who will come back to or move into our area.

I know the windfarm has been revised for the concerns that were expressed last year. It sounds like Nextera has gone the extra mile to make this work for everyone and addressed most of the wildlife concerns. I hope you will approve it. It will be good for this region and for our county.

Sincerely,

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide—Burke County wind project

John, Please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Chris Buschta <chris@diamondnd.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:28 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Re: Northern Divide—Burke County wind project

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Dear North Dakota Public Service Commission,

I am writing this letter to show my support for the Northern Divide – Burke County Wind project.

Diamond Resources has been a land-title company in Williston North Dakota for over 40 years. Our bread and butter has been the oil industry, but we've worked on a host of projects including recent wind projects developed in western North Dakota. The wind industry helps diversify our client base and our work-load, which is especially important to us during down turns in the oil market as we are in now. The wind projects we've worked have allowed us to keep all of our local agents working for the past 4 years. We welcome the opportunity the industry provides, both to the energy industry as well as the State. These projects bring millions of new investment into our state, hiring contractors such as Diamond Resources. We are just one example of those who participate in and benefit from such investments. (Road contractors, dirt contractors, cement plants, gravel pit operators, electricians, hotels and restaurants all benefit). We urge your approval of the Burke County project. It will be good for Burke County and many other North Dakota residents.

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BURKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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April 11, 2020 – Submitted for the record April 23, 2020

North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Rick Owings. I am a Burke County Commissioner and voted twice to approve the Burke County wind farm that has been before the Commission this past year. The wind farm, which is called Northern Divide is in my district and will be good for our district and the people of Burke County, which is why I supported it.

The County will get somewhere around $1,000,000 in new property tax revenue each year, which will benefit the schools, the ambulance service, fire departments and other services in the county. This should help restrain the pressure on property taxes that is so important to people these days. The new revenue is especially helpful since all of North Dakota is feeling the pressure from the huge decline in oil prices and oil activity in the region. Burke County doesn't have a ton of oil activity anyway----since we aren't in the heart of the Bakken. It has gotten very quiet in the last month or so.

My biggest reason for supporting the wind project is private property rights and the benefit to the landowners. If the landowners want to rent or sell their property to a coal company, an oil company, a wind farm, or a out of state hunter they should have the right to do so, so long as they aren't a danger or health threat to their neighbors. That seems to be a fundamental part of our country. The long-term benefits to the landowner will also help his operation to be more economic, and will help transfer the farm or ranch to the next generation. This should also be a benefit to our county by keeping a few more of our young people coming back to the farm or ranch they grew up on.

I would like you to look at the wind farm from our perspective. If they have followed all of the rules, then they should be approved. I hope you will give the Northern Divide wind farm a green light and approve it.

Thank you. Richard L Owings
9321 84th Ave NW
Kenmare N.D. 701-339-4425 cell

Rick Owings
Burke County Commissioner

BURKE COUNTY DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, RELIGION, AGE OR DISABILITY IN EMPLOYMENT OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES. ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS REQUIRED, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE IN ADVANCE.

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RE: Northern Divide Wind LLC
Case Number PU-19-376 and PU-19-377

Dear Commissioners:

I am Jon Backes. I am an attorney in Minot and am the personal representative of the estate of Maynard H. Sandberg, who passed away in October of 2019. Maynard was one of my oldest and closest friends. He was raised in Burke County and owned 80 acres of farmland located in Section 11, Township 161 North, Range 94 West. His farmland had been in his family for 3 generations. The farmland is currently held in his estate, and, because Maynard had no surviving wife or children, will be distributed to a trust which ultimately pays out to several North Dakota charities. Maynard (and his beneficiaries) are fortunate to have his land included in the Northern Divide Wind LLC's current wind project. His land is projected to have two towers and a monitoring system located on it.

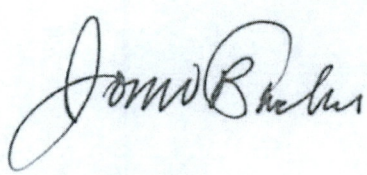
I encourage your yes vote on Northern Divide Wind, LLC's siting application as well as on the transmission case connected with that project. Your yes vote will result in a significant economic benefit to the landowners and taxpayers of northwestern North Dakota. As I am sure you are aware, the economic climate in that area of our great state is difficult at present due to the collapse of oil prices, the low level of commodity prices for ag producers and the slow down resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The opportunity to increase jobs and tax revenue while at the same time increasing the economic utilization of land does not arise often. Northern Divide Wind, LLC's project will assist all of these important economic factors in an area that has historically had limited availability of such opportunities. Approval of the project will strike a reasonable balance between protection of the public's interest in preserving wildlife and outdoor spaces, and allowing landowners to obtain the economic benefits of owning and developing their land.

I understand that there have been concerns about the impact of the project on bird populations and wildlife. Maynard and I hunted on and around his land for many years. We spent many days afield enjoying North Dakota's great outdoor traditions and, while we both believe conservation is important to all of North Dakota, the project currently proposed by Northern Divide Wind, LLC appears to strikes a reasonable balance between conservation, good stewardship of the land and allowing landowners to develop their land in an economically sound manner. The Burke County commission apparently thinks so as well, given their unanimous approval of the zoning and conditional use permits necessary for the project to proceed.

In closing I would note that it appears that at present in our country, no development of any nature goes unopposed. It is left to elected officials such as yourselves to balance the varying interest of the various constituencies, and make sound policy decisions based on fact and on the effects that will reasonably develop from development, not emotion and hyperbole. It is not an easy task, but in this case, where the local support from the area is strong, local government supports the project, and the project developer has taken significant steps to mitigate the impacts caused by the development, hopefully the path forward is clear.

I thank you for your public service and encourage you to approve the application.

Sincerely,



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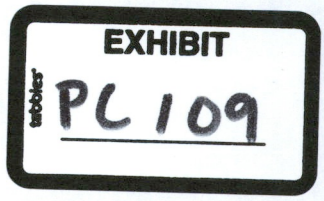

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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Ms. Julie Fedorchak
Public Service Commissioner

Mr. Brian Kroshus
Public Service Commissioner

Mr. Randy Christmann
Public Service Commissioner

Re: Proposed Industrial Wind Turbines in Burke County, ND – Round 2 (Northern Divide)

Dear Public Service Commissioners:

This is a follow-up to my comments called in on Friday, April 17, 2020 to you, the Public Service Commission and some of your comments.

You, the Public Service Commissioners, unanimously denied NextEra's Burke County Round 1 industrial wind turbine application for many reasons, but as I understand it, one of the main reasons was because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommended that NextEra relocate the project entirety[1] and the North Dakota Game and Fish made it abundantly clear that NextEra "*could not have picked a worse spot in the state*"[2] with respect to potential negative impacts to prairie and wetland wildlife species. Let me repeat that because I think it is very important. NextEra could not have picked a worse spot in the state and the project should have been relocated in its entirety. So what has changed? The better question is what hasn't changed. The project was not relocated in its entirety, and it is still in the worst spot in the state for industrial wind turbines to be constructed. Just because they moved a few turbines around does not change the fact that they still want to construct industrial wind turbines in a major migration flyway. The birds will be negatively impacted as well as the wildlife, the grasslands, possibly the wetlands and last but certainly not least, the people. So what has changed? Nothing really. They still did not relocate the project in its entirety. I know after I provided my comments on the phone that Commissioner Fedorchak stated something to the effect that the agency had somewhat walked this back. I did find a letter on the PSC website from the ND Game and Fish where, as I understand it, they indicated that NextEra has mitigated to some extent the damage that will be caused if these are constructed. **However, I could not find a letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the PSC website which says to me that that agency still believes that the project should be relocated in its entirety**. Sometimes what is not said speaks louder than what is, and I feel that this is the case. **Why did NextEra not get a letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approving Round 2 of the project**?

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[1] U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service November 25, 2018 letter attached to the March 6, 2019 letter to the ND Public Service Commission and NextEra

[2] Letter to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to the ND Public Service Commission dated March 7, 2019

I watched with interest the piece regarding the men who were trying to make sure that if this project is approved that a certain percentage of people working on this project would be hired from ND. Some of the comments by Commissioner Christmann made it sound as if that should be taken up with Job Service or the Department of Labor. However, we all know that if it is not indicated in the application or supporting documents that NextEra will not be bound by it. Why would it not be a good idea to include that they have to provide proof of the number of North Dakotans interviewed for the positions, and if they were not hired, why not? Why do we want laborers from other states if people in our own state could fill those positions and need the work especially since the oil field has laid off many and coronavirus has ended many jobs?

If approved, I understand NextEra plans to start constructing these monstrosities in less than a month, probably sooner than that. I find it very interesting that North Dakotans returning to the state are supposed to quarantine for 14 days before going out in public, but that NextEra's workers can come from all over the country without any quarantining whatsoever. This could spread COVID-19 all over Burke County, not to mention the entire state. There are many people who live in this county who are over the age of 65, the most vulnerable age group, and we know COVID-19 also kills babies and anyone in between.

The decision you make could negatively impact us for many decades, some of us for the rest of our lives, and our next generations. Since NextEra did not relocate the project in its entirety, I ask that you **deny** NextEra's application for Round 2 of industrial wind turbines in Burke County. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tami Lucy

Tami Lucy
Burke County Resident and Landowner

[Signed copy to be sent by mail.]

Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide Wind Project.

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!!

From: Hal Ross <halross64@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Eberl, Stacy L. <steberl@nd.gov>
Subject: Re: Northern Divide Wind Project.

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Can I add this to my comments I had sent in earlier? Thank you.

I have a cell tower that is only one mile away from my farmstead. It is 180 ft tall and has been there for around 10 years. When it was first put up it was quite noticeable because of the height. I drive by the cell tower almost every day now and hardly ever notice it. After a couple months you get used to it just like the wildlife and us humans do. There are all types of wildlife around the cell tower just like the people have said on previous testimonies you get used to wind towers and so does wildlife. I have heard from a few ranchers that have cattle like the wind towers because they keep the flies off of them.

Thank you.

Hal Ross.

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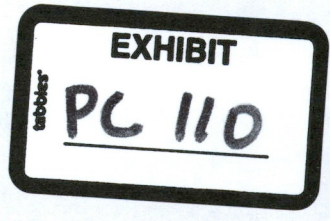

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Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Brian Kroshus, Chairman
Randy Christmann, Commissioner
Julie Fedorcek, Commissioner

Reference; Northern Divide Wind, LLC Case No. PU-19-376 and PU-19-377

I have been going to my Grandparents farm and now mine and my siblings for over 50 years I am a lifelong 58 year old North Dakota raised resident of West Fargo with land in Burke county the Northwest corner in Forthun Plat T164N & T163 N our Families have land on quarts in sections 30, 29, 31, 32, 6, 4 and we hunt and visit the area as much as we can.

I run to mechanical contracting business in Fargo of which we employee between both companies from 140 to 200 depending on the time of year, with Wrigley Mechanical, Inc. mainly in the power industry and Sugar plants and Grant's Mechanical, LLC in HVAC to large commercial buildings and hospitals all this work I have been doing for over 40 years.

I am in opposition of the windfarm going up in this area for the following notes;

- First off what they look like in the skyline and how they close in the wide open feeling of what is left in North Dakota, I go up to the area to get away from that feeling and when I drive by the sites on HWY 83 and other places in the state I feel bad for what they have done to the looks of the landscape and open feeling that is lost. I feel with around 16 windfarm locations and 1,500 turbines we have enough and do not need yet another location to look at for years to come.
- The other part is without all the subsidies, people pay higher prices on there electric bill and whatever else there are with greenhouse buy back credits etc., these windfarms would not exist on their own, not to say now that some older windfarms are coming down what to do with the waste and the cost that goes with that I have heard to demo and dispose a tower in the range of $500,000.00 to $570,000.00 per tower.
- As a contractor in the state the workforce the last 15 years has been hard to support I would guess that the jobs on this project will not be filled by local workers as there are not that many up in Burke county to fill this type of work and now with the Covid-19 that means there will be workers coming from all over the country and this is not a good time for that to happen.
- I did not read much to address the waterfowl flyway in any of the reports I read to see how this was addressed, I see geese and ducks fly in large flocks from Minot to the Montana border all spring and fall when I am in the area and believe this to be yet another large obstacle in their path.
- My other note comes with the damage that windfarms and solar farms, are doing to the coal industry in North Dakota I know this is another typic but it is really not these plants are out of site have been good stewards to the area provided countless solid jobs since they where build and now are struggling to hang on to keep operating yet if there is no wind or sun are the cheapest cost for base load electricity that has a proven record to be reliable. With the low oil prices that have happened the next thing coming will be the increase cost of Natural Gas that is the only help for peaking power plants to operate if there is no wind or sun and then what if that happens to the cost of electricity.

- I feel North Dakota has all the windfarms it needs and feel we can do without this project because we are just sending this electricity to someone else fare away who does not want wind turbines in there back yard but they want a windfarm to make them feel good about doing something for the environment will then they should have it there.

I realize that the North Dakota Public Service Commission has the best interests of all North Dakota residents at heart. And I thank you for your service to the State and the people here, but I strongly oppose this windfarm and yet another location that makes us all feel open and free and the closing in that comes with windfarms and turning this into another man altered space like rest of the country feels.

I thank you for your time and look forward to a favorable outcome,

Thank you

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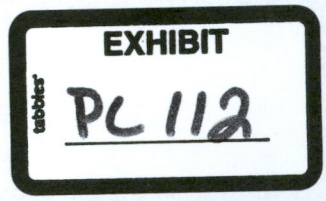

Ms. Julie Fedorchak
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Mr. Brian Kroshus
Public Service Commissioner

Mr. Randy Christmann
Public Service Commissioner

Re: PROPOSED NORTHERN DIVIDE WIND, LLC

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking time to read this testimony. I would strongly encourage you to vote NO against Northern Divide Wind, Inc. coming to Burke County, North Dakota.

As I sit writing this letter, I look toward the rolling hills and plains that are just south of Larson, ND in Burke County. The beauty is breath taking on this clear crisp morning that allows you to see for miles. All is calm as farmers get ready to make their way into the fields. The geese are migrating and can be seen flying overhead. I am extremely grateful and fortunate to call rural North Dakota my home. I am the daughter of a fifth-generation farmer and I am also the wife of a 4th generation farmer. I was taught at a young age to value and respect the land God created. Our family has put their blood, sweat, and tears into the farms the previous generations before us have created and passed down to us.

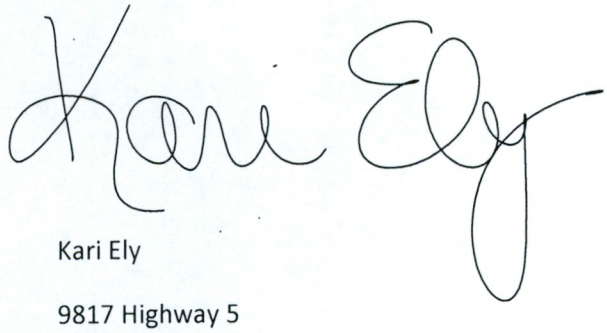
I would urge you to vote NO simply because of the serene beauty of North Dakota. The quietness and stillness of this spring day brings a sense of calm into our lives. With the possibility of these wind towers being built just to the south of us I will no longer have this rare opportunity to be able to look out my window and not see the signs of man-made structures. Would you go to a beach with man-made structures hindering your view of the beauty of the ocean? This is my sacred place. A place I look towards for comfort and to help calm my mind when talking to God. This is the place where generations before us took on the responsibility to preserve the land.

If these wind towers are built, I keep thinking about future generations. My children have it in their blood to want to be farmers already at such a young age. Will it be the responsibility of my children and many others in the county to have to deal with the cleanup of these wind towers if they no longer function? Will my children appreciate and value the land with having manmade structures all over? How will this affect the way they farm around the wind towers one day? I want to be able to provide my children the same farming opportunities that our previous generations allowed us.

I work as a Registered Nurse at St Luke's Medical Center in Crosby, ND. It is one of many critical access hospitals located in the western part of North Dakota. My concern with Northern Divide Wind coming into our area is that they will be bringing hundreds of employees from out of state. My concern is that if compliance is not met by Northern Divide Wind our rural hospitals systems on the western side of North Dakota will possibly become inundated. Our nearest hospitals are Minot (approximately 100 miles), Williston (approximately 90 miles), Crosby (approximately 24 miles), Tioga (approximately 50 miles), and Stanley (approximately 60 miles). Four of these 5 hospitals are critical access hospitals and do not have the capabilities or infrastructure that a larger facility like Minot has available. With many possible COVID-19 cases our hospitals will be pushed to the max. **Why are we willing to put our rural healthcare in North Dakota at higher risk during a worldly pandemic**? What happens if they do not comply with current guidelines to quarantine for 2 weeks? What happens if they come from a state with a "stay at home" order? Between Burke and Divide County we do not have the lifesaving equipment needed for multiple patients in respiratory distress. Did you know between Burke and Divide counties we only have 2 ventilators readily available?

Thank you for taking time to read my testimony. Once again, I will urge you to please vote NO against the proposed Northern Divide Wind, Inc in Burke County.

Respectfully submitted,



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Burke County Resident

Hamre, John G.

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Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Case #'s PU-19-376(Wind Farm) & PU-19-377(T-Line)

John, Please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

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I heartily support wind farm installation in Burke County.
Nextera has invested a lot of time & effort into leasing, placing roads with consideration for the farming operations and drainage and conducted themselves with integrity with a proven track record in other areas.
The job creation and tax revenue to Burke County would be great for the community.
The towers have a small footprint & have minimal disruption to agricultural operations.
I worked in the oil & gas industry for 40+ years & saw the positive impact it had on local communities and I would expect to see a similar boost to Burke County.
I wish you the best of days & am hopeful that you approve the project.
Sincerely,
Roger Burau
Sent from my iPhone

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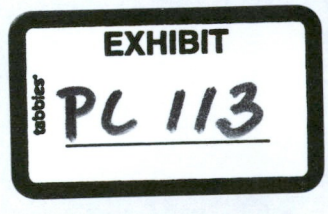

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Re: PROPOSED NORTHERN DIVIDE WIND, LLC

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to introduce myself. I am Wanda Ely from Columbus, ND. My husband Mike and I reside in Forthun Township. We bought our farm in Forthun Township in 1988 where we raised our two children. Mike is a 3rd generation farmer and his family homesteaded in Keller Township near the projected tower site. Mike has been farming for 49 years and we have for a couple farmed for 46 years. Our son joined our farm operation after college 20 years ago and has since married and his wife and family of 3 children reside next to us on the farm. Our daughter is also in the agricultural field and her husband farms.

We own various quarters in the projected wind site:

Keller Township – Sections 10, 15, 21,3

Fay Township- Sections 1, 23, 5, 6

Leaf Mountain Township- Section 3

We also rent the following quarters in this proposed area:

Keller Township – Sections 27, 28,22,26,33,34,13,9,3

Fay Township- Sections 2, 5, 28, 32

Harmonious Township- Section 10

I only listed land that pertains to the projected wind tower area.

Northern Divide Wind, LLC has put much emphasis on how much money will be coming back to the Burke County area with the wind tower construction. I have a list of the proposed towers and alternate towers that Northern Divide wants to construct. Many of the towers have various numbers of people to each family unit or trust. As I was going through the list I realized only 3

families live in the tower area year round, 3 families live in the area of the towers 6 months or less out of the year, 1 lives in Columbus, 1 lives north of Columbus, 1 lives in Powers Lake, 4 live in Divide County, and the rest of these recipients live at least 100 miles from the proposed site or out of state. Burke County is definitely not going to benefit much! The benefit to Burke County is minimal compared to other cities and states. Northern Divide knows where all the people live and where the money is going because they have contracts and need to know where to send the checks; therefore they know the majority of the money will NOT be benefiting Burke County but will be sent far from our county border.

Our area of Burke County does not have representation of either the Burke County Commissioners or Burke County Zoning and Equalization Boards. Our closest board members are one near Portal, ND, one south of Lignite, ND and the rest all being east of Lignite. Yes, we have their names and phone numbers to talk to them, but it does not affect their area homes and ranching or farming operations. There are members of each of these boards that has a conflict of interest concerning the wind tower project. They did not abstain from voting on the project due to various relative financial gain. It is easy to say something is fine for someone else when it does not affect you!

Spraying crops at the tower locations is going to be a major problem! The speaker for Northern Divide asked Pat Ely if he had ever talked with a representative to answer his concerns about spraying. At the PSC meeting in Bowbells, NextEra said they only needed 24 hours noticed to shut down the towers so farmers could spray when needed. It is very evident that NextEra/Northern Divide Wind knows nothing about North Dakota wind or farming! We spray from the end of May through the middle of July. There is a small window for crop spraying a certain crop at a certain time. There is no time to be waiting around for blades to be shut off. You may think it is a perfectly calm day until you get to the foothills where the towers would be. You may get to spray the middle of a field and have to return at dusk, the next day or the next week when the wind changes to spray by a neighbor's crop. Spraying is a wait and see agenda. It goes on and on for weeks. Is Northern Divide willing to shut the blades off for the 6-8 week spray window? We have our canola sprayed for fungicide by Great Plains Aero, Inc to minimize damage to our crop. Our spray pilot has stated he will not do any of our spraying in areas of wind turbines. The safety issue is too great and no matter what representatives from Northern Divide want to expound, our spray pilot will not endanger his life for spraying a crop near any tower!

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us. We have been very vigilant in social distancing but mostly just staying home away from everyone. How do you bring workers from out of our area and prevent this pandemic from spreading to us? Northern Divide can not know where or who these workers have been around or with. Why should it be ok to take a chance with our health in this rural area? Burke County has an aging population and of course we are at the most risk. It is impossible for these workers to have social distancing when they are working on a project of this magnitude. Where will these workers stay? Where will these workers get their food?

I strongly urge you to vote NO on the Northern Divide Wind project! We have so much to lose in property values, the peace and quiet of our area, harm to wildlife, harm to our land and our farming operations, and our health with the COVID-19 pandemic due to the influx of workers out of our area. Turbines become outdated usually within 10 years or less and need to be torn down with the expense being left to our county. IS THAT FAIR?

Thank you, commissioners of the PSC, for your time and service to our great state of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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Forthun Township, Burke County, North Dakota

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April 21, 2020

To PSC,

We have farmed in Burke county for 52 years. My major crops are durum wheat and canola. Both crops generally need to be sprayed with fungicide every year. We normally do our own spraying. About once every 3-5 years a rain makes ground application impossible. The time frame for application is about 48 hours. An average crop is worth about $500 per acre. Not spraying can cost about $300 per acre or $45000 per quarter. I generally have about 1000 acres of durum and 1000 acres of canola . A $300 per acre loss is $600,000.

When conditions are too wet, I have to hire an airplane sprayer. My applicator needs one mile to turn around. Every field is a potential airplane runway. The FAA says an airport needs 5,000 ft setback for a 250 foot structure. Wind towers are over 500 ft high. I need 5000 ft or more setback for any wind tower near my property. There will never be a wind tower on my property.

If a neighbor builds a wind tower within 5000 ft, this could result in a lawsuit. This is unlawful taking of property.

A personal note, when I finished college in engineering, I worked in Milwaukee for 2 years. I came back to the rural life style and took over the family homestead from 1899-121 years ago. This does not include:

Wind tower noise or visual obstruction.

Commercial traffic and damage on our roads.

Covid 19 workers on our property.

Wind towers get about $800,000 subsidy of federal money. Wind towers are NOT reliable. I think the subsidy should be paid to the gas and coal plants. They have to be on standby but do not get paid. Wind towers are a FRAUD.

Thank you,

Ron and Rita St Croix
Rita St. Croix
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To: ND Public Service Commissioners,

I reside at 5E 161-94, Burke County, Harmonious Township.

I am 73 years old and have farmed most of my life. My youngest son moved back to the farm ~~since~~ 2014. He is raising 4 sons and his wife provides a community service as a family counselor. It has been a struggle to keep the farm going, with all the moisture, flooded roads, and poor commodity prices.

The income from the wind project could possibly save this family farm. Its nice to see so many young people moving back to farm and it would be nice if they can stay on the farm in the coming years. There are at least 6 young farmers, along with their families, who could benefit from the Northern Wind Project

It would be nice to farm around a wind tower, knowing what payment would be coming at the end of the year, as opposed to farming around an oil well site and getting nothing.

A wind turbine takes less than one acre of land, compared to oil well sites 10 acres plus. The roads to

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the turbine sites will actually benefit the farmer.

This project will bring new job opportunities for our young people, as well as bring in new workers and their families to support local businesses.

I have always thought a Wind farm would be a good addition to our land and I feel a vocal minority should not be able to take away their rights as a landowner.

In closing, I strongly urge you to approve the Northern Devils Wind Project.

Respectfully,

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North Dakota P S C ;

My name is Emmet O'Neil. I live on section 26 of Harmonious Township. [161-94] I have ranched here for 50 years.

In 2016, I along with my brother and 3 sisters signed a wind farm lease with Nextera covering our property in Harmonious and Thorson Townships of Burke County.

We learned that the NDG&F would not allow towers on prairie so most of our land was off limits.

In the Burke Wind Farm project we were to have 6 towers all on tillable ground. These were all abandoned in the Northern Divide project to satisfy the NDG&F.

Throughout these hearings we have all heard the NDG&F claim that the prairie in this area was too valuable for wildlife, to put wind towers on. Before we signed the wind lease, right up to today, the NDG&F has been playing an active part in destroying our prairie. We are bordered by 4 ¾ miles of leafy spurge infested ground [with no control] that the NDG&F has enrolled in their PLOTS program. I blame their birds and animals for spreading this onto our land. Wind towers would not destroy our ground, leafy spurge **does.**

In the hearings the NDG&F compared this area to another area. This area had many more wetlands and many more nesting ducks than the other area. They did not make it known that this part of the state was under unprecedented flooding starting in 2011.

The enclosed picture is a 2016 Google image of diamond willow trees planted by Chistine Olesen on her homestead. These trees lived for over 100 years and died in 2011. 2011 and 2012 editions of the Burke County Tribune and The Journal from Crosby document this flooding well.

The last few days make it clear Burke County needs a diversification of income and jobs. I believe the PSC should permit the wind farm, but remove the agreement between Nextera and NDG&F and welcome future development of wind farms in Burke County.

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Sincerely,

Emmet O'Neil

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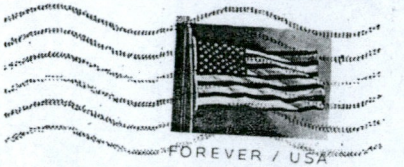

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RE: Northern Divide Wind Development

Dear Public Service Commission:

Many North Dakotans are in support of wind energy development in the State. North Dakotan's for Comprehensive Energy Solutions facilitated an on-line petition in support of wind energy and the Northern Divide Wind Development More than a 1,000 residents signed their name to this petition during the weeks of April 1-24, 2020.

Collectively, we are asking you to approve the Northern Divide Wind Development in Burke County. Landowners and county officials in Burke County have expressed their support for this project. We encourage the Public Service Commission to do the same.

Regards,

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Keith	Peterson	312 8th ave s	CASSELTON	ND	58012
Lisa	Guy	2113 9th ave s apt 4	FARGO	ND	58103
lynette	Ireland	PO box 231	SELFRIDGE	ND	58568
brock	viltrakis	15125 SE 90TH APT 108, CLACKAMAS RTMEN, 108	clackamas	ND	97015
Earl	Blish	230 8th ave. #167	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
William	Shelton	1834 E Capital ave, 321	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Tabitha	Hildebrandt	407 juniper ave	OAKES	ND	58474
Teresa	Jones	76 30 sw. S	FARGO	ND	58103
Jessica	Bergland	2860 22nd Ave So	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Sylvia	Lorenzano	1008A Beaumont Drive	HAZEN	ND	58545
Angel	Holm	414 cambridge dr	MANDAN	ND	58554
Mike	Czapiewski	387 18th Ave W	DICKINSON	ND	58601
KALLEEN	SLIND	1305 31ST ST SE	MINOT	ND	58701
Ron	Monson	601 5th Ave SE	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Connie	Maize	411 s main st	TIOGA	ND	58852
Alice	Werre	215 Crawford. St. E	KINTYRE	ND	58549
Irvin	Carmen	726 college st	FARGO	ND	58102
Danielle	Holland	1820 1st ST NORTH	CARRINGTON	ND	58421
Fabian	Lugo	719 10th st n#5	FARGO	ND	58102
Ellen	Werre	615 1st Ave S Apt 32	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Billy	Holt	1924 5th av n apt1	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Cheryl	Anderson	PO Box 152	SHERWOOD	ND	58782
Viann	Martinez	600 9th st.N.W #5	MANDAN	ND	58554

Joshua	Burke	3126 Twin City Drive	MANDAN	ND	58554
kow	mathew	kowmathewplayz@gmail.com	MOHALL	ND	58761
Christiana	Redwater	2145B 4th ave.	CANNON BALL	ND	58528
THERESA	SHEAR	343 main street	GLADSTONE	ND	58630
Robert	Schonberger	2121 catherine drive	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Amanda	obregon	1450 fernwood drive	GRAFTON	ND	58237
Diane	Ellingson	501 3rd Ave W	LISBON	ND	58054
Adrienne	Radtke	1514 6th Ave SW	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Dang	Ding	36241 google drive	LEONARD	ND	58052
lloyd	larson	123 east main ave, apt4	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Chris	West	3333 16th Ave,South #1	FARGO	ND	58103
Robert	Pulkrabek	10 Grand Ave S	SHELDON	ND	58068
Rachel	Hall	1905 east Dakota Pkway, #6	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Tracy	Boschee	K107 5th ave ne	MANDAN	ND	58554
Gregory	Knox	811 15th st w apt. 202	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Paul	Valdez	206 3rd ave	STANLEY	ND	58784
Clyde	Burgard	6734 2nd Ave N	TOWNER	ND	58788
iCharles	Sherril	1415 1st south, C12, C12	CARRINGTON	ND	58421
Cassandra	Roberts	404 W Main St 309	MANDAN	ND	58554
Brenda	Lewis	1624 2nd St SE	MINOT	ND	58701
Kristi	Thompson	1201 2nd Ave N apt 509	FARGO	ND	58102
Ronda	Gwartney	1609 16th St SW 3B	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Member	Jones	74 45 SW s.	FARGO	ND	58103
Lisa	PARTLOW	611 6TH AVE	KENSAL	ND	58455
Mohammed	Dubba	new yourk	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Leslie	Frazier	212 5TH AVE NW	PARSHALL	ND	58770
Michael	hoholik	114 n 3rd st apt 324	BISMARCK	ND	58501
MARY	Heard	140 41ST AVE SE APT 308	MINOT	ND	58701
Will	Bodine	302 Truax Ave E	VELVA	ND	58790

Pam	Bastyr	3250 15th Ave S		FARGO	ND	58103
Heath	Adamsen	302 griggs ave		GRAFTON	ND	58237
Brenda	Manton	2718 divide street west		WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Eva	Rechirikl	2715Hawken stApt9		BISMARCK	ND	58503
Brenda	Markham	112 Partridge Lane SE		MANDAN	ND	58554
Scott	Woodward	921 42nd street east		WILLISTON	ND	58801
Faith	anderson	1130 Owens Avenue 208		BISMARCK	ND	58501
Debra	Stockert	814 20th St SE		DICKINSON	ND	58601
Donovan	Simon		6009	MEDINA	ND	58467
Ophelia	Quiah	4145 51st way S		FARGO	ND	58102
Bruce	Kadrmas	8410 Hwy 85 North Bowman N D		BOWMAN	ND	58623
Eric	mueller	1664 Capitol way		BISMARCK	ND	58501
Judith	Jundt	1012 University Ave		Grand Forks	ND	58203
Donald	Painte sr	x405 n sesame str.		GARRISON	ND	58540
Mark	Roones	719 11th ave se		JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Sharon	Eberle	306 2nd Avenue		HAGUE	ND	58542
Gerardo	Vazquez	Nunya street		Madrid	ND	68692
Lindsey	Atwood	619 South 10th Street		BISMARCK	ND	58504
Ellen	EPPEN	118 2ND AVE		EDGELEY	ND	58433
Victor	Stiefel	1660 Pennsylvania ave		BISMARCK	ND	58504
Benjerman	Klimpel	748 viking dr.		VALLEY CITY	ND	58072
Leighton	Bush	2842 169th Ave SE		HARWOOD	ND	58042
Burna	St.Germaine	9862 46th Ave NE #1149		BELCOURT	ND	58316
Cheryl	Nichols	90 75th St. E.		WILLISTON	ND	58801
Byron	Klevgaard	615 1 st ST N		FARGO	ND	58102
Nathaniel	Fox	PO box 115 NEW TOWN ND		NEW TOWN	ND	58763
Virginia	Highsmith	P.o. box 2098		WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
sheldon	price	407 willow ave		MAX	ND	58759
Byron	Klevgaard	615 1st ST N		FARGO	ND	58102

Gale	GLOMSTAD	1913 S 36TH ST	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Kieth	Shelstad	1605 West 4th street Apt6a	WILLISTON	ND	58801
John	Skavlem	624 5th avenue. N. Apt 7b, PO box 5381	GRAND FORKS	ND	58206
BRANDY	GARTON	5230 park Blvd n lot 16 Pinellas Park fl 33781	ELLENDALE	ND	58436
Lorna	Archambault	3501 Westtrac Drive	FARGO	ND	58103
Bridgette	Shahin	1678 Prarie Ave #6	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Alice	Dugas	1017 41ST AVE W	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Kimberly	Amyotte	P.O box 476	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Gregory	Carlile	717 West 4th avenue	Williston	ND	58801
Janelle	Larson	320 11 The St N	320 11 The St	ND	56520
Nolle	Mirands	596 gstrrnal st	DRAYTON	ND	58225
Charles	Hilzendager	617 13stne minot nd	MINOT	ND	58701
Debra	Herald	PO Box 373	FORT TOTTEN	ND	58335
todd	hicks	408north7thst	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Stanley	Jennesse	West5th	Me and my son	ND	33245
Joel	Mostad	1009onkavn	WALHALLA	ND	58282
Joshua	roberts	1808 Continental Drive, Apt. 303	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
norma	mosbrucker	5445 94th St SE. Ashley N.D.	ASHLEY	ND	58413
Charlotte	Gallup	2500 valley view Ave	BIS	ND	58501
Helen	Schultz	816 1st St N P.O.Box 28	ELLENDALE	ND	58436
delena	daniels	703 6th Ave SE	MANDAN	ND	58554
Madelyn	Mckay	421 west broadway	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Cynthia	gemmill	3061 32st South apt4	FARGO	ND	58103
Irene	Oulare	4706 silver gate dr.	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Alanna	Ranisate	1812 24th Ave south	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Judy	Blake	5507 stardust road	Vegas	ND	54675
Carol	Gooden	3878Highway 281 #723 Shell Valley	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Patricia	Kouba	625 maple st apt 5	MINOT	ND	58701
Jill	Simengaard	407 7TH AVE E	WEST FARGO	ND	58078

Kristy	Kenmille	Po box 161	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
DIANE	CAMPBELL	PO BOX 636	ROLLA	ND	58367
RITA	ibarra	424 noben ave grafton nd 58237	GRAFTON	ND	58237
Janna	Diviney	301 McKinley Ave	GOODRICH	ND	58444
sheila	fowler	1020 8th ave n apt4	FARGO	ND	58102
Sandy	Moe	1305 34th Ave SW	MINOT	ND	58701
joe	gerlach	215 6th st w	BOTTINEAU	ND	58318
Marcus	Delorme	P.O. Box 615	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Michael	Hjeldness	1282 8th ave ne	THOMPSON	ND	58278
Tanya	Huffman	511 High StSt, ---	MANVEL	ND	58256
Bend	Dhdnd	Fargo nd 657 west street	Fargo	ND	58603
deeann	herrera	5051 44th ave s apt 304	FARGO	ND	58104
kim	Erickson	420 E Main Ave Apt 510	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Marlan	Groven	110 Cherry St	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Malette	Young	1119 University Dr. Lot 2014	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Robert	Bernard	2421 20th ave south apt 306	FARGO	ND	58103
byron	klevgaard	615 1st st N	FARGO	ND	58102
Pop	pop	673 caca street	HARWOOD	ND	58042
Joseph	Manikowske	407 9th Ave NW	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
melody	litster	822 Chestnut Ln. North Dakota	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Mercedes	Liggett	212 5th st NE #2	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
Shania	Harr	P.O Box 452 317 Walnut Street	TURTLE LAKE	ND	58575
Sherry	Dehne	326 3rd St N	CASSELTON	ND	58012
Christal	Demery	10161 33rd Ave NE	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Diane	Branson	521 4th st s	WAHPETON	ND	58075
Doyle	Ash	107 7th ST po box 141	KILBOURNE	IL	62655
Rachel	Rogers	813 7th ave N Apt 2	FARGO	ND	58103
Betty	Njos	6410 1st Ave East	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Herb	Hill	Y1407 Lenham Ave Se	COOPERSTOWN	ND	58425

LAURANCE	Jacobson	14729 69th ST NW Williston ND	WILLISTON	ND	58801
John	Hagge	335 31st ave E. #4	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Roxanne	Slater	PO box 1293	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Cina	Phouthavong	3061 32nd St S Apt 5	FARGO	ND	58103
Melinda	White	5963 Hwy 85 Apt 10302	Williston	ND	58801
Andrew	Nutt	304 6TH AVE NW, APT 3	MANDAN	ND	58554
Gina	LOUDEN	229 6TH AVE	ENDERLIN	ND	58027
Bonnie	Kuntz	507 Collins Ave	MANDAN	ND	58554
Ryan	Courtier	1468 21st st west Dickinson north dakota	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Denise	Bentley	1418 south Reno Drive Bismarck Nd 58504	BISMARCK	ND	58501
TIKISHA	HARRIS	920 Cascade wy nw 206	Fort Rice	ND	58554
Martin	Lyonga	Mainstreet 275 2nd Avenue	GLADSTONE	ND	58630
Deborah	Hill	2101 32nd St West#104	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Mayvonne	Kramer		Mandan	North Dakota	58554
Aidan	Williams	916 2nd Ave E	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Candy	Forde	3903 chandler	BISMARCK	ND	58503
misty	edgley	310 2nd st se ste 312	MINOT	ND	58701
Amy	Vaagen	1107 10th ave se,	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
Bradley	Snyder	33200 261st ave sw	MAKOTI	ND	58756
Jennifer	Riederer	107 Park St.	DRISCOLL	ND	58532
Kimberly	Elskoe	2615 4th ave no	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
William	Loebel	201 South Main Street	DRAYTON	ND	58225
Jacklyn	Cruz	608 2nd ave E apt1 ND 58078	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Abdulkadir	Sheikh	835 10th ave n apt #18 fargo ND 58102	FARGO	ND	58102
Peggy	Martinez	312 12th St NW	MANDAN	ND	58554
Heather	Larson	1625 10th Ave E	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Erin	Tveito	1110 N 18th Street	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Ryan	Denning	509 wally st	HARWOOD	ND	58042
Shirley	Frenzel	2390 Eagle Avenue	HATTON	ND	58240

Melody	Mullin	1620 East Boulevard #5 Bismarck ND 58501	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Gary	Lindemann	4201 21st St SE, 101	MANDAN	ND	58554
Robin	Levecesque	335kiains Hillsboro nd	HILLSBORO	ND	58045
Jasmine	Grundyson	63 6th Ave N, 2	FARGO	ND	58102
Linda	Meyer	723 1/2 2ND STREET NE	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
Erica	Elk	1730 40th st s Fargo ND 58103	FARGO	ND	58103
Erland	Peterson	3017 Twin city dr	MANDAN	ND	58554
Richard	Heyen	420 5ave East	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Dixie	Sweeney	400 Broadway n 210	FARGO	North Dakota	58102
Pennie	Matlock	710 4th ave s at 337 grand forks and 58201	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Tom	Gross	3405 harvest hills ave apt b213	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Norm	Hoselton	1601 34th St s #4	FARGO	ND	58103
Jenny	Shull	4564 Belmont Road	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Brendan	Jarmin	132 3rd st SW appt 17	WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
wanda	bosch	1026 west villard apt 221	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Patti	KUNTZ	201 5th St NE	BELFIELD	ND	58622
Sabrina	Smith	1670 East Gateway Cir South Apt 322	FARGO	ND	58102
korby	kolden	2148 51st ave nw	GARRISON	ND	58540
Matthew	Dockter	415 w. Century Ave., #6	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Diane	Madsen	431 Central Ave N.E.	GARRISON	ND	58540
Margarita	Williams		FARGO	ND	58103
Tina	kegler	2546 Cumberland Rd	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
DeAnn	Hudson	85 Mulberry Loop	MINOT	ND	58703
Diane	Carlile	717 4th Ave W # House # House	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Roger	Evenson	164 delta dr	MINOT AFB	ND	58704
Tallie	Lukes	127 Maplewood Dr	GWINNER	ND	58040
Carl	Ford	1901 1st Ave n	FARGO	ND	58103
Kimberly	Haugen	217 4th st SW apt 101	HILLSBORO	ND	58045
Stanley	Peltier	P.O. Box 72	ANTLER	ND	58711

Stephen	Casarez	190523st west	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Kara	Slaugh	1501 48th street South	FARGO	ND	58103
Dylan	Holbrook		West Fargo	ND	58078
Doris	Nelson	213 Dakota Drive Apt 22	FORT TOTTEN	ND	58335
Cindy	BLOCK	202 ELMER AVE	DEERING	ND	58731
Tanya	Burgard	900 55th st se	MINOT	ND	58701
Jacqueline	Aiken	Po box 297	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
william	schultz	607 1 th Ave East, 5	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Geranti	Adam	1913 5th ave East	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Eunice	Meyers	1405 8th St N.W #8	MINOT	ND	58703
Shirley	Deichert	391 Anna Street	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Mike	Kraft	401 6th a ave n	FARGO	ND	58103
kevin	staggs	902 6th ave west	WILLISTON	ND	58801
George	Friskop	8111 150th ave SE, 6, 6	MILNOR	ND	58060
Jolinda	PayPay	5451 Horseshoe rd, Or, P.O Box 41	CANNON BALL	ND	58528
Cameron	Smith	3250.36st	MANDAN	ND	58554
Cheryl	Oslin	4679 bia rd 3, rolla, north dakota	ROLLA	ND	58367
Christopher	Chase	1020 CASCADE WAY NW, APT 307	MANDAN	ND	58554
Bob	Jorgenson	702 33rd Ave N	FARGO	ND	58102
Casey	Morrison	700 11th st. N.w. apt#39	VALLEY CITY	ND	58072
Darlene	Swanston	224 CROWN BUTTE DR	MANDAN	ND	58554
Barry	Kindsvogel	4511 Impala Ct NW	MANDAN	ND	58554
Carolyn	Crosby	501 3rd Avenue NE	BELFIELD	ND	58622
chloe	azure	109 houle circle ne	BELCOURT	ND	58316
tianna	brenneise	212 lake st	MANDAN	ND	58554
Donna	Pettit	3220 King Pl	Grand Forks	ND	58201
Alexander	Malm	701 w 6th St	GRAFTON	ND	58237
John	Unruh	4620 skyway	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Kyle	Howard	2515 north 8th street	BISMARCK	ND	58501

kristie	quam	14276 Painted Woods Dr	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Arthur	Mosley	600 6th Ave sw	MINOT	ND	58701
Jamie	Karaba	1518 7th Avenue North	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Tessi	Lenoir	P.o. Box 454	STANTON	ND	58571
Kirk	wilkie	501 2nd st se	RUGBY	ND	58368
daniel	mcconnell	930 Front St	CASSELTON	ND	58012
Heather	Thomason	502 South 16th Street	BISMARCK	ND	58503
christine	ngoy	3061 32nd st s f apt 17	FARGO	ND	58103
Jodell	Bercier	802 17th Avenue Southeast, 503	MINOT	ND	58701
Amy	Vaagen	1107 10th Ave SE	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
susan	cahoon	123 Lakota ave n	Center	ND	58530
Jamie	Roder	1408 16th st.E unit 101	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Mark	Humble	1014 Campbell dr	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Gabriel	BYE	602 1/2 Main Ave #3	FARGO	ND	58103
Floyd	Fouchey	916 25 ave nw	MINOT	ND	58703
Chad	Trowbridge	3108 18th Ave West	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Julie	Schiebe	202 ash st apt 6	GALESBURG	ND	58035
Bethany	Schoolcraft	306 2nd street	GWINNER	ND	58040
Pascal	Nizigiyimana	917 21st St S	FARGO	ND	58103
Renetta	Charley	3201 20 Street South	FARGO	ND	58104
Wayne	Berndt	9th st s apt 6	FARGO	ND	58103
Joseph	Harviell	103 Emma st nw, 24	SAINT JOHN	ND	58369
Diane	Lindquist	602 Bennett street	BOTTINEAU	ND	58318
loyal	good	225 4th ave	Enderlin	ND	58027
Felicia	Roberts	1840 6th ave West #20	WILLISTON	ND	58801
David	Johnson	1051 4th st	VALLEY CITY	ND	58072
Darla	Kaercher	11121 Green River Drive, 21	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Paula	Arcos	4615 11th ave w apt 510	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Nicole	Linstaedt	117 2nd St N	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401

Lauressa	Gates	7001 highway 2 and 52 W. Apt. 6	MINOT	ND	58703
Jackie	Mittleider	811 3rd Ave Nw	MANDAN	ND	58554
Alvin	Hawk	Box 646	PARSHALL	ND	58770
Daniel	RAYWALT	224 10th ave se	MANDAN	ND	58554
Michelle	Young				
Amanda	Dockter	1100 east boulevard ave 203	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Karen	Melo	4251 33rd. Ave. S. Apt 104 Fargo ND 58104, USA	FARGO	ND	58104
Bonnie	Ennifs	1219 9th Ave SE	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Kristine	Moen	3501 Westrac Dr	FARGO	ND	58103
Shane	Noyes	808 12th St Ne	COOPERSTOWN	ND	58425
Sabrina	Kraus	1121 s 11th St #104 Bismarck ND	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Wesley	Peltier	216 12ave Se	MINOT	ND	58701
Johnny	Quitt	303w highland dr 201-A	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Raymon	Frank	1600 MAPLETON Ave #229	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Kelly	Bazal	4075 108th.Ave NE	LAKOTA	ND	58344
Sheila	Bolton	10 1st Ave. E. 58801	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Tessa	Gjovik	1319 5th Ave NE APT 1	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
STACI	HINSCHBERGER	3550 42nd st s 101	FARGO	ND	58104
Jeremy	Christmann	619 west meadow lane	MANDAN	ND	58554
Loretta	Phelps	915 2nd street se	VALLEY CITY	ND	58072
WESLEY	SAGVOLD	5351 Amber Valley Parkway	FARGO	ND	58104
Art	Perdue	1445 15th street Sw	Minot	ND	58701
Ashley	Nelson	813 7th Ave N, Apt 4	FARGO	ND	58102
Kristie	Dalen	PO Box 221	SAWYER	ND	58781
Julie	Korolsky	506 16th st SW	MINOT	ND	58701
Davis	Whipple	3315 university dr bismarck ND	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Steven	Freeman	P.o box 332	ALEXANDER	ND	58831
Janet	Martin	PO Box 106	Wimbledon	ND	58493
Francisca	Jule	1305 31ststse lot a6 minot ND58701	MINOT	ND	58701

Tina	Finley	225 22nd Ave NW, 249	MINOT	ND	58703
Lashon	Butler	1926 31st Ave S	FARGO	ND	58103
karen	semerad	1334 territory dr	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Dustin	Ambuehl	156 33rd Ave e	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
donna	Adams	3810 25 St. s #41	Fargo	ND	58104
rose	banhi	313 west interstate ave	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Tammie	Hambek	828 7th Ave NW apt B	MINOT	ND	58703
Dale	Conrad	515 8th St NE #10	VALLEY CITY	ND	58072
Richard	Perecz	303 MAPLE ST	WILLISTON	ND	58802
elizabeth	kostecky	213 7th st n	WILTON	ND	58579
Mark	Johnstone	811 N 2nd st	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Aurora	Eden	215 1st St SE, # 215	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Arlene	Phillips	1621 Abraham PKWY UNIT 8	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Ardy	Steele	PO Box 176	MAPLETON	ND	58059
Virginia	Sandbo	618 4 ave no	HILLSBORO	ND	58045
Tabitha	Corneille	Po box 2173	WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
ALLISON	Klose	1217 21st street south	FARGO	ND	58103
Jennifer	Stalvik	408 2nd ave east	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Marie	NAVARRO	309 Park Road	BURLINGTON	ND	58722
rick	schaafsma	606 8th Ave W	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Mary	Jones	17230 70th street se	WAHPETON	ND	58075
robert	marx	560 8th St SE Apt 6	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Brittany	Avara	1206 8th Street NW	MINOT	ND	58703
Cuu	Tang	851 countryside trailer count	FARGO	ND	58103
robert	hooker	2308 25 1/2 ave s	FARGO	ND	58103
Amelia	Martin	3 Tulip Lane	Holmdel	ND	7093
Sharman	Patterson	1322 N 4th street#4	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Jason	Hite	123 42nd street east	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Delores	Laffen	307 Rainbow rd	OSNABROCK	ND	58269

nichole	scott	1541 carroll st apt 104	Dickinson	ND	58601
Shane	Fjeld	1109 18th St n unit c	FARGO	ND	58102
Alissa	Williams	709 2nd St w	NAPOLEON	ND	58561
Joan	Lund	502 Jay st	BOTTINEAU	ND	58318
courtney	Larocque	101 F Street South, 7	GLEN ULLIN	ND	58631
April	Callousleg	PO Box 24	NEW TOWN	ND	58763
Cynthia	hofmann	609- 9 Th Street North	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Mike	Frees	500 n central ave	KENMARE	ND	58746
Cherry	Benz	308 11th st nw	MANDAN	ND	58554
Genea	Bercier	4604 bia rd 10 unit 663	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Stephanie	Kaiser	4810 16th Ave S, apt. 303	FARGO	ND	58102
Donald	Cotton	2322 26th St s. Fargo ND	FARGO	ND	58103
Memory	Matsika	1678 Priarie Avenue Dickinson	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Daryl	Zimney	7795 23 st se	Buchanan	ND	58420
Member	Olson	600 1st AVE N APT109	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Jackie	Urlacher	847 26TH ST W	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Melinda	Russell	935EnergyStreet#121	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Megan	Richter	825 n 26th st, 2	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Elizabeth	Gillum	4096 CR88	GLEN ULLIN	ND	58631
felicia	grissom	1116 19th ave s apt 10	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Sharon	Woinarowicz	3540 28 th st sw #107	FARGO	ND	58104
Andrew	DeCoteau	150 41st Ave SE, Apt 202	MINOT	ND	58701
Sabiti	Morisho	822 26th st N	Fargo	ND	58102
David	Shykes	2101 1 st n. Wahpeton	WAHPETON	ND	58075
Bailey	Boulduc	908 12 th st n	FARGO	ND	58102
Wayne	Schaumburg	1426 10th Ave North apt3	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Eileen	Ward	203 Browell St	EMERADO	ND	58228
Sheku	conteh	1730 1 st sw	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Robyn	Funke	5891 59th ave so	Fargo	ND	58104

stan	andvik	819 7th St S	FARGO	ND	58103
Ladarana	mees	4412 Boulder Ridge Road	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Tyrone	Vondal	201 N 24th St	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Amy	Howe	1811 Continental Drive Apt 1	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
NATHAN	BERGMAN	207 FENTON AVE	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
leslie	johnson	818 south 18th street	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Jennie	Langaas	224 Chestnut Street	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Shawn	Ellingson	224 chestnut st	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Janice	Lindsey	1113 E LASALLE DR. Condo 3	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Nitosha	Alyea	1713 e rosser ave lot 7	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Nathan	Metler	415 Main Avenue East, 5083	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
CONNIE	MCGOUGH	3441 112TH AVE SE	VALLEY CITY	ND	58072
Desarae	Bergquist	153 American Ave	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Claudette	Larson	917 11th St. S. E.,	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
Sandra	Randall	15 3rd St. NE. Box 874	CROSBY	ND	58730
Linda	Smith	97 7th Ave S, Apt G1	WAHPETON	ND	58075
Carrie	Lusby	PO Box 102	BELFIELD	ND	58622
Raina	Cooeyate	720 West Broadway	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Virginia	Davis	1605 4th Str W B3	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Kyle	Clayton	32 Custer dr	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Leo	Mendoza		123 Kenmare	ND	12346
Kenneth	Marsh	3532 11TH AVE N APT 17	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
steve	savage	H2101 3rd St NW #123,	MINOT	ND	58703
Magnus	Kraii	2350 S 34th S Apt 901,	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Merinda	Phillip	1527 n 13th St.	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Darcy	Cajune	211 VEITCH ST lot S19	EMERADO	ND	58228
Mathew	Campbell	1720 34th ave se	MINOT	ND	58701
Georgie	LaCroix	P.O.Box 135 Ft.Totten ND 58335	FORT TOTTEN	ND	58335
Carol	Fullerton	11 2nd Ave E	WILLISTON	ND	58801

Abraham	Montoya	413 Main St Apt # 304, Williston	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Karl	Benzenberg	1650 7th st w	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Richard	Beeter	1939 Hiawatha Street	MINOT	ND	58701
Gerald	Oster	Po box 233	MANDAN	ND	58554
Michael	Stenberg	103 3rd ave. S.E. Hettinger N.D.	HETTINGER	ND	58639
Robyn	Funke	5891 59th Avenue South,	FARGO	ND	58104
Brittany	Swinson	9001 Highway 2 East	MINOT	ND	58701
Brenda	Gawryluk	2406 E THAYER AVE	MANDAN	ND	58554
Barbara	Johnson	3120 33rd St. #205 Fargo MN	FARGO	ND	58103
Thomas	Matcha	500 1st ave spt 203	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Debra	King	Po box 154	CRYSTAL	ND	58222
Michael	Sierra	411s 2nd st apt B3	GLEN ULLIN	ND	58631
Casey	Otto	712 8th st north	FARGO	ND	58102
pamela	gibbens	1425 walnut st.	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
jackie	silbernagel	9886 66th St SE	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Nicole	Cadotte	PO box 713	NEW TOWN	ND	58763
David	Olson	113 5th ave se	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Heeth	Ciavarella	3011 cottagewood Dr NW#4	MANDAN	ND	58554
Daniel	Dutchuk	428 6th Ave W	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Aku	Yawo	1834 south 20th street apt 1	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Craig	Laducer	805 N43st, Apt. B18	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
elena	smithers	130 w 9th st	NEW ENGLAND	ND	58647
Taylor	Miller	1040 12th st east	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Steven	Mcculley	405 9th Ave. N E.	MANDAN	ND	58554
Bradley	Snyder	33200 261st ave sw	MAKOTI	ND	58756
David	Hansen	920 6th Avenue North Apt.#217	FARGO	ND	58102
Josh	Wirkus	413 n Broadway st	LINTON	ND	58552
duane	STRAUB	PO BOX 9905, Fargo, ND 58106	FARGO	ND	58106
Patrick	Goff	3161 32nd Street south	FARGO	ND	58103

Mohammed	Renner	5001 amber valley pawy s apt 205	FARGO	ND	58104
Penny	Glass	4228 54th Ave s	FARGO	ND	58104
Mohamed	Isse	1515 14th ave e apt 16	Fargo	ND	58078
ALLEN	KOBLE	1062 34th st ne	DRAKE	ND	58736
Judith	Danks	431 3rd St N	NEW TOWN	ND	58763
Charlene	Ormsby	4336 Claridge Loop	BISMARCK	ND	58503
David	COLEKRATY	205 E Abor Ave Apt 206G	FARGO	ND	58104
Arlene	Volk	913 Ash Coulee Place	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Monyiah	Nayou	721 E Highland Dr pat 210 Williston ND 58801	WILLISTON	ND	58801
dana	geffre	1704 oak st. #1	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Michael	Zubah	michaelzubah367@gmail.com	FARGO	ND	58104
Joseph	Boomer	428 8th st. SE	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Roland	Lefebvre	1822 5th Ave N	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
alex	red	1634 oakwood drive	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Christina	Johnson	1325 19th Ave.	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Leila	Owlboy	8226 35th St NE, 198	TOKIO	ND	58379
Donna	Rakness	129 D st. North apt9 Richardton ND, 58652	RICHARDTON	ND	58652
Jamie	Ofallon	1340 2nd St SE	MINOT	ND	58701
darrin	pegram	PO Box 417	CENTER	ND	58530
Geraldine	Lipsh	2500 Knight Drive	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Darlene	Schnaible	122 Ida Ave.	BURLINGTON	ND	58722
Denae	Binstock	Ok box 1118	TIOGA	ND	58852
Ritty	Enoch	310 E Interstste Ave	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Corey	Desjarlais	8226 35th St NE	TOKIO	ND	58379
Gloria	Peltier	Po box 1232	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Lewis	Ward	qw	we	ND	66666
Trina	Amyotte	10102 BIA Rd 15	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Carri	Thibert	P.O.Box795	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Dennis	Swindling	100 3fd St SW lot C49	MANDAN	ND	58554

cristy	deery	1223 1st Ave north	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Fred	Baker	1600 mapelton ave #216	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Dannie	Weekly	1335-10th st.North apt 4	FARGO	ND	58102
mary	sears	1107 25th ave.so	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Millie	Finger	319 23RD ST S	FARGO	ND	58103
DeEtta	Phelps	8524 Briardale Drive	Bismarck	ND	58504
Mary	Bowkus	622 9th Ave W	Williston	ND	58801
Thomas	McLeod	General Delivery	FARGO	ND	58102
Ryan	Rolfe	558 diamond St,	PALERMO	ND	58769
Russell	Dukes		GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Karen	Grotte	402 Covell st m30	PLAZA	ND	58771
Larry	Ellis	221s.main str.	MINOT	ND	58701
shanon	feigitsch	716 w sweet ave 13	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Deanna	Millang	10290 28th Ave NE	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
cihad	dogan	1540 32ave sw, 9	MINOT	ND	58701
Kendra	Bercier	2112 7th St Nw	MINOT	ND	58703
David	Strandlien	605 16th St NW	MINOT	ND	58703
Kayla	Slater	1718 14th Avenue west, 1	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Amanda	Christensen	2130 10th st w	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
FREDERICK	BEEHLER	7310 COUNTY ROAD 60, Day	LAMOURE	ND	58458
Michael	Ray	800 Kelly Ave	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
Patricia	Metzger	7901 219th Ave SW	DOUGLAS	ND	58735
Esmeralda	Reyes	222 8th ave	ENDERLIN	ND	58027
Stacey	schultes	4672 63rd Ave SE	CLEVELAND	ND	58424
Sharlene	CUSEY	725 42nd St S Apt 211	FARGO	ND	58103
beth	melancon	624 s hannifin st apt 9	Bismarck	ND	58584
Frances	Reuter	403 Washington Ave	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Brook	Val	Candy	MYLO	ND	58353
Sherri	Guy	8226-35th St. N.E.	TOKIO	ND	58379

Annmarie	Swaim	2008 33rd st nw 104	MINOT	ND	58703
Brent	Amerine	2474 Estabrook Dr	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Ajayi	Titus	5050 45 Ave south	FARGO	ND	58104
BRADLEY	Gunter	1015 S Broadway Suite 18	MINOT	ND	58701
Christopher	Chase	1020 Cascade Way NW, #307	MANDAN	ND	58554
William	Wright	203 4th Ave SW #1, PO Box 245	HAZEN	ND	58545
Angela	Wright	115 warsaw pl	MINTO	ND	58261
Alexandria	Thompson	410 2nd Ave NE	MANDAN	ND	58554
Lorraine	Williams	214 a st	DICKINSON	ND	58601
felecial	zulu	821 21st st s, house	FARGO	ND	58103
Rosdina	Doone	4111 Lockport St Apt 121	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Rosa	Bradford	1030 front st	CASSELTON	ND	58012
Randi	Crepps	919 soo st se	MINOT	ND	58701
Brian	Pederson	300 annigasaw blvd	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
Howard	spencer	4156 143rd W Ave NW	ALEXANDER	ND	58831
Taley	Hepperle	403 3rd Ave NW Apt 3	MANDAN	ND	58554
Dawn	King	3501 Westrac Dr S	FARGO	ND	58103
Jerric	BALLENSKY	208 East Bowen Ave Apt6	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Mark	Maxon	949 E Central Ave Bismarck ND 58501	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Kimethra	Maleek	103 MAIN AVE W APT 7	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Terry	Antonson	212 Prospect Ave N	PARK RIVER	ND	58270
Kenneth	Plumpton	1711 4th street west	WILLISTON	ND	58801
DELORES	RATH	1322 4TH AVE NE	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Melvin	Doyle	2925 Weiss lake Blvd	WEBSTER	ND	58382
david	puppe	300summitave	GRAFTON	ND	58237
Kai	Wicker	3021 23RD AVE, Unit C	Fargo	ND	58503
Wayne	Bergstrom	3502 Belmont Rd	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Brandy	Palmer	12562 23rd st nw	WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
jana	featherearring	1621 N 35th St Unit 4	BISMARCK	ND	58501

beverly	lawson	2530 14TH ST S	FARGO	ND	58103
Harlan	Gourneau	119 1st Ave se rolla, nd	ROLLA	ND	58367
Geneve	Holter	1015 27th st se lot 28	MINOT	ND	58701
tyman	demery	519 1st.northeast dunseith	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Ali	Janjua	21 N terrace N Fargo 58102 ND	FARGO	ND	58102
William	Berger	112 3rd ave E	TURTLE LAKE	ND	58575
Heather	Campbell	2339 S 17th St. Apt 24	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Bol	Bol	bolringdit@gmail.com	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Margaret	Cossette	3001 34th Ave S apt 1317 Fargo Nd 58104	FARGO	ND	58104
Joseph	Rocha	161 13th Ave Se	VALLEY CITY	ND	58072
Member	Dolley	4710 16th s f	FARGO	ND	58103
Heidi	Potter	5820 autumn dr s	FARGO	ND	58104
Dexter	Holt	103 main ave apt 7	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Martin	Carrizales	608 23rd Ave S	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Jacqueline	Pastorek	675 Birch Court	GRAFTON	ND	58237
Waylon	Stclaire	P.O. Box 1165	ROLLA	ND	58367
Morgan	DUBOIS	Po box 1612	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Rosann	Coffin	3119 twin city drive	MANDAN	ND	58554
Jamie	Moen	PO BOX 48	CASSELTON	ND	58012
Cheryl	Thompson	318 6th St	THOMPSON	ND	58278
Zoraida	rosario	375 3rd ST SOUTH SUITE 112	NEW TOWN	ND	58763
Robert	Johnson	1710 49th St S #302	FARGO	ND	58103
Deborah	Rosado	403 washington ave	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Sandra	Fliehs	Po Box 13	FORMAN	ND	58032
Cody	Meckle	3230 23rd Ave NE	HARVEY	ND	58341
william	bernhardt	615 south anderson street	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Greg	Berg	505 3rd st me	HANKINSON	ND	58041
Josh	Millage	1409 14th ave e apt 17	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Stacey	Lucht	4530 16th Ave. S. Apt. 206	FARGO	ND	58103

Robert	Schmidt	206 Centennial Avenue PO Box 282	WISHEK	ND	58495
Skee	Greenough	4234 9th av cir s 33	FARGO	ND	58103
Becky	Schadegg	P.O Box 206	TURTLE LAKE	ND	58575
TAYLOR	PARROTT	50087 HWY 50 box #81	MCGREGOR	ND	58755
timothy	martell	2707 Hawken St apt# 19	BISMARCK	ND	58503
bob	martinson	7111 9th ave	CANNON BALL	ND	58528
Jennifer	Hall	1060 W. TURNPIKE AVE, APT 210	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Augustine	Sapaty	1053 Koch St Apt 205	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Lori	Johnson	749 S 30th 322	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Poop	Head	1464 18th St N	FARGO	ND	58103
leonardo	benavidez	1642 13th Ave S	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58103
nijaz	seckanovic	912 lincoln av bismarck	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Raymon	Frank	1600 MAPLETON Ave #229	Bismarck	ND	58503
Shari	Langeliers	1710 88th St. SE	STRASBURG	ND	58573
Darien	Rolle	181 maple st	KINDRED	ND	58051
Steve	Jensen	1117 6thave no	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Beverly	sangrait	6484 137th ave ne	PARK RIVER	ND	58270
Linda	Garding	1901 Valley Drive	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Jennifer	Bennett	1602 N 17th street	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Noah	Glick	1302 5th Ave	CANDO	ND	58324
Theresa	Enno	302 Holiday Park Vlg	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
kaydeen	Kampeska	1627 7th St N Apt 4	WAHPETON	ND	58076
Jessica	Peltier	600 4th Ave NW	MINOT	ND	58703
sonja	clegg	918 10th st nw	MINOT	ND	58703
Sherry	Schock	600 s. 9th Street #4	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Renee	Cavanaugh	P.O. Box 306	FORT TOTTEN	ND	58335
Jarell	Fleming	201 6th ave NE	MINOT	ND	58703
Micheal	WilkieDecoteau	1305 31st st se lot e10A	MINOT	ND	58701
Arthestia	Sanders	229 f street	DICKINSON	ND	58601

Richard	Senn	239 south prairie ln	Mandan	ND	58554
judy	ressler	606 11th St NW	MANDAN	ND	58554
Nancy	THOMAS	311 14TH AVE NW	MANDAN	ND	58554
Kadidia	Traore	3209 2nd Ave E Williston Nd apt 108	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Sherry	Charley	2416 29th St W Apt 16	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Goldean	Davis	16713asburypark	GILBY	ND	58235
RAYME	Prather	516 N.48th st. #102	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Larry	Pollock	921 14th Ave E	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Lennis	Stokkeland	624 parkway lane apt.112	NORTHWOOD	ND	58267
kathleen	james	2512 6th street northwest	MINOT	ND	58703
Phillip	Romero	318 10th Ave N.E #107	WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
Amber	Baxter	2406 E Thayer Ave, Lot 2	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Ryan	Lampkins	500 30th AVE NW LOT 23	MINOT	ND	58703
Jordan	Mello	912 12th Ave nw	MINOT	ND	58703
Christopher	Danielson	14255 23rd ST NW	ALEXANDER	ND	58831
betty	jundt	420 east main ave apy#801	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Shawn	Bruna	424 1/2. Broadway north	Fargo	ND	58103
juanita	hutchison	615 Drake St]	BEACH	ND	58621
RaeAnn	Haaland	1500 18th st sw lot 43	MINOT	ND	58701
Daniel	Fraser	2535 25th St. S	FARGO	ND	58103
Meima	kollie	1122 31st Avenue west	FARGO	ND	58104
Tonya	Fox	4005 19th ST NE #325	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Robbie	Luthi	3222 39 AV S	FARGO	ND	58104
rick	moisse	613 3rd st	LANGDON	ND	58249
Amy	Bunke	202 west interstate av	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Shania	Malaterre	1808 Continental Dr #307	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Rose	Butz	2810 169 ave SE	HARWOOD	ND	58042
Michael	Pearcy	110 14th St. N..	FARGO	ND	58102
Aminata	Sheriff	1414 35th St S Fargo ND 58103 Apt 211	FARGO	ND	58103

brian	schiller	1116 Summit Blvd apt 2	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Brian	Sanda	745 96th St Se	HAGUE	ND	58542
Roy	Ames	3197 17th st s	FARGO	ND	58103
Keith	Traquair	384 8th Street SE	Dickinson	ND	58601
MaryAnn	Blasky	409 Cherry Street Apt 1	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Dan	Rueckert	1625 5th St S	FARGO	ND	58103
ROBERTA	MARCHAND	6291 Hwy 3 South	RUGBY	ND	58368
Tammy	Gerszewski	410 Ave B East	MCCLUSKY	ND	58463
Aisha	Walker	112 South Main Street, Apt 6	MINOT	ND	58701
Jes	Mertens	8545 45th st ne	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
sherry	MEYERS	1305 31ST ST SE	MINOT	ND	58701
Adrienne	Radtke	1514 6th Ave SW # 8	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Kimberly	Sorteberg	1600 mapleton ave, 230	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Jerry	Goulet	7151 86th street north	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Brent	Jones	12 16th street west apt#2	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Nabreena	Forschen	1021 north 5th street	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Telephene	Champagne	PO Box 783, 17	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
carolene	archuleta	1200 w owen`s ave 9	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Cedric	Elder	3140 33rd st s, Apt 207	FARGO	ND	58103
Cynthia	Leroy	904 1st. S.	WAHPETON	ND	58075
Carrie	Tyler	308 jorgenson street, Po box 288	POWERS LAKE	ND	58773
Martin	Peltier	P.O. Box 2323	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Taylor	Parrott	10048 Hwy 50 box 81	MCGREGOR	ND	58755
Lee	Fandrick	P.o.box422, P.o.box 422	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Brandon	Boshears	1917 6th St. Nw	Minot	ND	58703
Donovan	Ruddock	223 32nd Street East apt. 215 Williston North Dakota, 58801	WILLISTON	ND	58801
michael	SIMS	4 lukens place	WILTON	ND	58579
Hilda	Horner	812bridgeport dr	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Corey	Haugen	3015 s 17th st. Apt. 209	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201

Mark	Meide	306 3rd Ave.se	HANKINSON	ND	58041
Jesse	Hanninen	431 5th Ave E, 3	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Lorraine	Wright	103 N Main	TOWNER	ND	58788
Dejuan	Bankhead	2620 14th St S	FARGO	ND	58103
Gary	Halmrast	105 eleventh street south	FARGO	ND	58103
Sherri	Cahoon	958 3rd ave	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Devon	Miller	1321 13 1/2 St. s apt 306	FARGO	ND	58103
Dave	KNUDSON	2525 BROADWAY N	FARGO	ND	58102
Joyce	Torh	4260 51st street south	FARGO	ND	58104
Nicole	Nielsen	10171 33rd Ave NE	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Jory	Whitebull	3ave trailer#9	FORT YATES	ND	58538
julie	wagner	21 1ST AVE SE	MINOT	ND	58701
Sharyln	Geerdes	1003 12th St. SE	Jamestown	ND	58401
Theresa	Kadrmas		Dickinson	ND	58601
katheryn	bostdorf	JjPo box 2028	WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
Rudy	Martinez	1001 8th Ave N, Apt 2	FARGO	ND	58102
Mary	Tofteland	295 2 Ave e	Westhope	ND	58793
Sandra	Valdez	1446 Fernwoid dr	GRAFTON	ND	58237
FRANK	Baker	BOX 11	BELCOURT	ND	58316
naka	wnns	sunset	VA	ND	10001
Bruce	Gust	2021 S WASHINGTON ST. #109	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
anthony	anchondo	1325 19th Avenue	WILLISTON	ND	58801
kayla	wika	521 8th ave se	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Rhonda	Foote	8074 7th st nw unit 322	HALLIDAY	ND	58636
victor	stiefel	1660 Pennsylvania Ave	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Tom	Feist	2141 xavier st apt. 306	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Harlan	Skye	320 hawk st bismarck north dakota 58504	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Kory	Gladue	9915 BIA15	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Mark	Ouellette	33 2 1/2 St NW	HILLSBORO	ND	58045

Summer	Lund	710 4th Ave S Apt 232	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Teresa	Wells	1415 1st St Street Apt C12 Carrington North Dakota	CARRINGTON	ND	58421
David	Anderson	308 2nd St NW	WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
Jim	Fleck	4705 Hwy 6	MANDAN	ND	58554
LaVina	MattoxLindsey	121 Well Street west # 121	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Jessica	Overby	209 broad st	BINFORD	ND	58416
Ben	Desjarlais	404 oak st apt2	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Ryan	Wilkinson	8072 11th Avenue	Fort Yates	ND	58538
Patricia	Andrews	12701 1st Street Northwest	MINOT	ND	58703
Christopher	Paulson	122 east Central Ave	GARRISON	ND	58540
Ben	Gourneau	4180 Highway 281	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Jennfer	Payton	404 West Arbor Avenue apt 1	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Lisa	Lobato	109 Houle circle N.E	BELCOURT	ND	58316
sierra	sennett	702 27th st w	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Laurie	Sund	405 Farm to Market Rd.	NOONAN	ND	58765
Member	Brown	901 42n st s apt 227	FARGO	ND	58103
Jireh	Williams	2174 Meadowrigde Ct	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Tom	Wolter	PO Box 452	LARIMORE	ND	58251
Nicholas	Korb	412 maple ave	MAX	ND	58759
Roger	DeCoteau	Poor Box 122	MINNEWAUKAN	ND	58351
Kayla	Nelson	6677 Highway 281	Oberon	ND	58357
Todd	Turner	1401th St N	FARGO	ND	58103
Andrew	Turner	5963 HIGHWAY 85 APT 10205	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Lisa	Lobato	109 Houle circle N.E	BELCOURT	ND	58316
penny	capistran	1207 Cottonwood St	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
jaxon	werder	1010 1st St N	FARGO	ND	58102
Pristina	Patrick	13401 153rd st se	SAWYER	ND	58781
Richard	Rauschenberger	5119 HIGHWAY 83 S LOT 1	Logan	ND	58701
Jessica	Briggs	7274 highway 40	RAY	ND	58849

Geordie	Ogden	7001 2 and 52 west Highway apt 8 Minot ND	MINOT	ND	58703
Zoe	Azure	309 Baptist Church	FORT TOTTEN	ND	58335
Tammy	covert	10345 63rd St SW	REGENT	ND	58650
KARLITA	KNIGHT	407 W CENTURY AVE	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Alisa	Nisly	PO Box 186	MOTT	ND	58646
shelly	thomas	509 5th Ave	ROLETTE	ND	58366
david	Williams	532 15th St W	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Wayne	Shrock	U148 Main,	NOME	ND	58062
Connie	Dokken	803 Washington Ave	NORTHWOOD	ND	58267
melissa	ring	3126 twin city dr	MANDAN	ND	58554
tricia	roth	1044 1st ave east	NEW ENGLAND	ND	58647
Joseph	Wittman	278 Chadwick Ave	MCHENRY	ND	58464
Trent	Johnston	711 Copeland Avenue	MANVEL	ND	58256
Kardelin	Moses	2120 29th street west, 25	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Melessia	Cannavo	314 9th ST E Box 211	WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
Brandon	Lari	310 E interstate ave	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Jeri	MartinezKueffler	818 42nd St E, Apt 109	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Tracy	HANGSLEBEN	423 N 8th St	Grand Forks	ND	58203
Steven	Parizek	100 6th ave se	MANDAN	ND	58554
NANCY	Wiloth	710 4th AveS Apt133	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Veronica	Rodriguez	3022 9th Ave SE Lot # 4 Minot, Nd	MINOT	ND	58701
STEVEN	HEDLIN	1017 10thSt N fargo	FARGO	ND	58102
Brenda	Heydcofell	PO Box 567	LAMOURE	ND	58458
Don	Nash	5050 40th ave s apt. 208	Briarwood	North Dakota	58104
sophie	kallberg	405 31st ave se #29	MINOT	ND	58701
Carrie	gammell	111 6th Ave SE	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Jen	Robinson	1825 8th Ave SE	MINOT	ND	58701
LUCINDA	MANLY	1701 40TH AVE S	FARGO	ND	58104
Crystal	Doran	510 4th st S	FARGO	ND	58103

Kim	Close	1223 14 st nw lot 46	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
Anthony	Mawby	1902 3rd ave north	FARGO	ND	58102
Rachel	Boswell	411 N. 42nd Ave. Apt. 304	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Jacki	Johnson	2207 S 12th St. Apt 4	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Donald	Herr	908 Gardenette Dr. Apt 4	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Member	petty	537 Sims St	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Tanya	Hansen	3576 91st Street Northwest	MOHALL	ND	58761
vera	wright	1900 28st sw	MINOT	ND	58701
Karen	Gagnier	PO Box 294, APT 3	MOHALL	ND	58761
Christopher	Dunn	1825 6th st sw	MINOT	ND	58701
Annie	Abbott	P.O. Box 7858	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Janette	Baumgartner	1104no.universityDr.	FARGO	ND	58102
Tammy	Tuttle	3705 2nd st ne 109	MINOT	ND	58703
Mavis	Fultz	919 2nd ave east. West Fargo,ND	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Debbie	Feist	3100 11th Ave SE	MINOT	ND	58701
Luna	Night	1413. 45th street West Apt 210	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Kim	Filson	2114 4th Ave N	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Sarah	Ladd	731main Main Avenue West	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Sally	Rugroden	2505 13th Ave. S. Apt. 113	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Misty	Ouellette	2700 s 34 th st	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Jeanette	Lavallie	PO.Box 2624	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Jordan	Parkman	606 1ST ST. SOUTH	WAHPETON	ND	58075
kendra	stremick	3563 eagle run dr	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Karen	Berg	24054thavenw	MINOT	ND	58702
Mariah	Meyer	1314 5th ave nw	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Chris	Lund	2525 15 st s #1	FARGO	ND	58103
Karen	Onweiler	801-2nd St N E #3	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
David	Robertson	1015 Bellille St 285	SAINT MICHAEL	ND	58370
Beth	Snyder	406 13th St S	HETTINGER	ND	58639

Dove	Slater	704 1st Street	TRENTON	ND	58853
Jenni	Goggles	1502 E Gateway Circle S 203	FARGO	ND	58103
Channon	Tapson	902 college st n	FARGO	ND	58103
Wremongar	Yearr	2700 Hawken street, 307	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Raymond	Belford	Po box 1254	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
dale	bruss	3660 42nd st s apt 104	FARGO	ND	58104
Jenna	Delong	P.O. Box 471 rolla nd	ROLLA	ND	58367
Christopher	Grinde	421 1AVE SO	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
DeeAnn	BROWN	1033 Brookwood Ln west fargo ND 58078	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Jackqualine	Byington	420 E. Main Street #612	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Heather	Bearstail Dickens	12 Ree Lane	GARRISON	ND	58540
carmen	jones	230 8th Avenue W Apt 184	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Michelle	McPeak	1425 119th S Ave SE	DAZEY	ND	58429
Stacy	Bakke	304 garrison ave	LARIMORE	ND	58251
Randy	Sund	P.O.Box 973	MINOT	ND	58702
JoAnn	Stevens	1410 17th St S	FARGO	ND	58103
Tenia	Defender	614 W Sweet Ave	BISMARCK	ND	58504
bernard	foltz	778 14 1/2 ave east	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
lloyd	larson	123 East Main Ave West Fargo ND 58078	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Elizabeth	Delonais	509 5th Ave Apt#36	ROLETTE	ND	58366
harley	wagner	9573 hiway 281	ELLENDALE	ND	58436
Clarice	Powers	3143 17th St S	FARGO	ND	58103
Spencer	Miller	124 park lane ave. apt. 103	KILLDEER	ND	58640
Naima	Farah	2700 S 25th St	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Michelle	Baumgardner	1342 N Broadway 107	FARGO	ND	58102
Kevin	Smith	215 S Smith St	HOLLY RIDGE	NC	28445
Nadezhda	Ponomareva	1119university dr lot 1616	Bismarck	ND	58504
Amanda	Picolo	2101 3rd st n.w lot 623	MINOT	ND	58703
Bradley	Agard	725 S 12th St #234	BISMARCK	ND	58504

Destiny	LaCroix	520 4th st see devil's lake nd	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
Elizabeth	Birse	1104 3rd ave w lot 13	DICKINSON	ND	58601
Rodger	Gruber	400 E. EMERY AVE LOT S 9	EMERADO	ND	58228
Cassandra	Evans	2931 7th St W #307	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Timothy	Denault	114 Nth 3rd st., #208	Bismarck	ND	58501
June	Skuza	3432 overlok drive	FARGO	ND	58103
Brad	Balfour	4574 44th Ave S. Apt. 210	FARGO	ND	58104
Jason	Witt	308 4th St SW	BOWMAN	ND	58623
ally	gonlez	la	centrail	ND	11775
Rollie	seidel	5147 redcoat loop	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Kristine	Helco	po box 1925	WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
TRISHA	Metzger	515 cherry street	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Juanita	Whiteshield	PO box 357	Parshall	ND	58770
David	Reamann	2095 27th av sw center nd	CENTER	ND	58530
Nanette	Fisher	1318 6th Street East apt.17	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Britteny	Larocque	Pobox 634 dunsieth 58329	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Jackie	Davis	Po box 63	TURTLE LAKE	ND	58575
Lloyd	skalicky	208 2nd ave e	NOONAN	ND	58765
Rebecca	Koenig	141 northland estates	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Richard	Rauschenberger	5119 Highway 83 S Lot 1	MINOT	ND	58701
Larry	Beaudoin	3560 105 Ave SW	DICKINSON	ND	58601
olive	lilley	509 5th Ave apt 19	ROLETTE	ND	58366
Priscilla	Gaytan	1712 continent Dr 108	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Cheri	Nelson	1108 Western Park Village	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
sara	batt	1566 Stewart drive	GRAFTON	ND	58237
Dale	oxley	9713 Holly Hock AVE NE, 27, 27	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Kason	Witcher	Mine	MCLEOD	ND	58057
Ivy	Gonzalez	1091 17th Avenue West, Dickinson, ND, US	DICKINSON	ND	58601
melissa	Smith	1104 2nd St.E #72	WEST FARGO	ND	58078

Jeremiah	IronRoad	6928 8th ave	CANNON BALL	ND	58528
Juan	Hernandez	744 Country Side Trailer Court	FARGO	ND	58103
Kay	Kuder	1014 2nd Ave NW	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
BRIAN	MARTINEAU	801 N 6 Th St	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
elijah	Baker	218 Parker	ALAMO	ND	58830
Skyler	Brunelle	5232 125th Ave nw	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Brandy	Jaeger	427 2nd St SW	RUGBY	ND	58368
Tesha	Brehm	3027 twin city dr	MANDAN	ND	58554
Jackie	Easter	21 percent	ABSARAKA	ND	58002
Josh	Brydon	225 22nd Ave NW #125	MINOT	ND	58701
Don	Beane	PO Box 482	ARNEGARD	ND	58835
Karyn	Berlet	12467 23 H St NW	WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
Edward	Debruyckere	58540 e 100rd	MIAMI	OK	74354
April	Oldrock	1010 43rd St. SE #4	MINOT	ND	58701
Sharlene	pulver	2976 Ontario Lane,	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Terry	Gippert	210 Garrison Ave	LARIMORE	ND	58251
Kirill	Loegering	2350 30th Ave. S. Apt.#608, 7	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Stacy	Weston	524 2nd ave NW	VALLEY CITY	ND	58072
Swift	Latham	1208 2nd Ave SW	MINOT	ND	58701
LouizsBMcgill	Mcgill	190a1lenore st	CALEDONIA	ND	58219
Mariama	Touchine	127 COUNTRYSIDE LN	MANDAN	ND	58554
William	Brost	2723 Hawkins street Apt 9	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Sabrina	Sylvestre	449 26th Ave W	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Clark	Christensen	103 pitcher park we	DEVILS LAKE	ND	58301
marcus	james	715 14th st N	FARGO	ND	58102
Kimberly	Kuller	4033rdstwest	VELVA	ND	58790
Lori	Wilkie	1318 14 1/2 St S	FARGO	ND	58103
Amy	Shambach	3301 32nd St. S Apt. 107	FARGO	ND	58104
Allison	Nelson	220 6th Avenue Northwest, 101	VALLEY CITY	ND	58072

Penny	Morin	301 maple dr dunseith	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Stepfannie	Cooper	4550 47th Streets S Apt 112	FARGO	ND	58104
Clara	Demery	P.O Box 1015 Belcourt ND 58316	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Karen	Antelope	405 w Sioux Village	FORT YATES	ND	58538
Chad	Vasfaret	701 10th Ave. east	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Thomas	Bender	700 south 12th street, 226	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Douglas	Myers	208 2 th SW Apt 6	MANDAN	ND	58554
xavier	aberi				
AMANDA	BLUHM	4233 51st Street south	FARGO	ND	58104
Robin	Kaelberer		NEW SALEM	ND	58563
Bruce	Blahnik	315 Eastdale Drive #4	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Adrian	Frisk	P.O box 92	LAMOURE	ND	58458
Linda	Wrayee	415 west century Avenue Bismarck, North Dakota 58503	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Alisa	Anderson	4602 16th AVE S #211	Fargo	ND	58103
Amelia	Puente	820 walnut st	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Garnett	Gray	815-40th ave so f121	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Novae	vontae	Dhfxhhwhjs	Suejehssh	ND	31876
MICHELLE	PEAKE	601 BROWNING AVE	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Nici	Grenz	Po box 73	HAGUE	ND	58542
mina	evans	119 cottonwood street	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Charles	Nyanforh	2150 47th Ave south apt 239 grand forks Nd	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Charles	Alyea	732 s 16th st	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Becky	Mosser	803 N Main ST	MINOT	ND	58703
Travis	Peterson	1939 54th ave. s.	FARGO	ND	58104
Bradley	Enno	3701 7 st W apt 209	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Eldor	Brunmeier	1101 2nd Ave NW	HAZEN	ND	58545
Kimberly	charbonneau	Pobox912	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Rhoda	Dunn	601 2nd St NE	Devils Lake	ND	58301
shane	curtis	924 5th st s	Fargo	ND	58103

Gerald	aftem	519 14th st. n.w.	MINOT	ND	58703
shauna	maxwell	1108 summit blvd, apt 3	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Mary	Scott	315 N 25th St Apt 2	BIS	ND	58501
Laura	Wishinsky	248 7th st Gardner nd 58036	GARDNER	ND	58036
Trish	Purney	722 Custer Dr	MANDAN	ND	58554
Melinda	Smith	36500 191st Ave SW, Plaza, ND, USA, 27	PLAZA	ND	58771
Frank	Jessup	11240 hwy 65	COOPERSTOWN	ND	58425
Tammy	Dickenson	2493 27TH AVE S #707	GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
katellen	candles	12126 johnathan ave menoken drive	MENOKEN	ND	58558
Glenda	santiago	527 22 ave apt 20	MINOT	ND	58703
Melinda	Jerome	734 Burgamotte ave	GRAFTON	ND	58237
Tammy	milligan	112 SUNFLOWER LN	WINNSBORO	LA	58203
darla	lee	184 S Prairie Ln	MANDAN	ND	58554
Allen	Leblanc	608 23ave South,	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Brian	Hardwick	815 Duke Drive Suite 124	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Savanna	Burgee	1510 1st ave NW	MANDAN	ND	58554
Keith	Olson	305 11th Ave W apt#1	WILLISTON	ND	58801
duain	haman	2510 36th ava s apt 303	FARGO	ND	58104
Mari	Schneider	509 Oak St N	Fargo	ND	58102
curt	swanston	224 CROWN BUTTE DR	MANDAN	ND	58554
Lavonne	Gerlach	1426 11th St SE	Jamestown	ND	58401
Sadie	Brugh	21 lake st	PARSHALL	ND	58770
Brian	Stensland	808 Poplar St. Mandan N. Dak58554	MANDAN	ND	58554
Crystal	Castillo	4227 9th st s	FARGO	ND	58102
Terry	Anstett	PO box 583	RAY	ND	58849
Elene	Dionne	P.o box934	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Michaela	Howe	811 3rd street se	MANDAN	ND	58554
Timothy	Lundstrom	731 Main Ave West	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Jessica	DEAN	1805 2nd ave sw	MINOT	ND	58701

Matt	Baer	P.O. Box 673		HAZEN	ND	58545
robert	lund	1016 4th Ave		GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Cynthia	Wright	1039 Railroad St		NORTHWOOD	ND	58267
Theresa	Lemen		2606	BETTENDORF	IA	52722
Cathy	Burke	2042 7th. St. NW		Minot	ND	58703
Zota	Dennis	1608 E divide Ave apt A		BISMARCK	ND	58501
Betsy	Murphy	1967 Hwy 85 SW		BELFIELD	ND	58622
Sarah	Demarce	walkingeagle circle #26		OBERON	ND	58357
Oscar	Oliva	1423 11th ave south		GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
theresa	costello	413 6th ave ne		JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Mary	Bland	3100-11th Ave. SE Lot A31		MINOT	ND	58701
Steve	Jerome	2421 19th Ave. S		FARGO	ND	58103
Michelle	McConnell	412 3rd Ave Nw Apt 1		BEULAH	ND	58523
diane	bonaime	781 main st		SAINT THOMAS	ND	58276
Chris	Thomason	501 South 16th Street		BISMARCK	ND	58504
Nicole	Grossman	912 3rd Ave E		WEST FARGO	ND	58078
Sherri	Torno	220 12th St. W.		BOTTINEAU	ND	58318
Lynn	Bossart	107 n.p.st nw		MEDINA	ND	58467
Mike	Shrum	1609 emerald ridge rd #205		WATFORD CITY	ND	58854
Sylvia	Saldana	805north43rdstrretapt4		GRAND FORKS	ND	58203
Richard	Risinger	7580 128TH AVE NW		ALAMO	ND	58830
Denise	Tofflemire	3216 10th st sw		Logan	ND	58701
Ezexyel	Acevedo	1800 Continental Dr apt 201		GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
James	meehl	112 4th Avenue North		CASSELTON	ND	58012
Amber	Faries	205 3rd Ave SE		MINOT	ND	58701
William	Faiman	4605 Crestwood Dr		BISMARCK	ND	58503
Jenny	Fuller	1905 HIAWATHA ST		MINOT	ND	58701
Nakia	Hill	4227 9th Avenue South #205		FARGO	ND	58102
Kaylin	Scarberry	1023 1st Ave S APT 4041		FARGO	ND	58103

Casey	Jones	823 2nd st e		DICKINSON	ND	58601
Lee	Froemke	1401 Front street Apt A		LISBON	ND	58054
Hailey	Odden	309 3rd ave nw		HEBRON	ND	58638
joel	gamboa	421 2nd ave nw		HAZEN	ND	58545
Kimberly	Henderson	2315 11th Street W Apt 105		WILLISTON	ND	58801
MaryAnn	Rustan	1476 Marilyn Way		DICKINSON	ND	58601
Shanna	Meade	6085 county rd 4		MINTO	ND	58261
Karen	Klimpel	524 Colfax Street,		DICKINSON	ND	58601
Troy	Christianson	None5013 wendy way		MINOT	ND	58701
Jodi	kalbrener	1014 s 12th street		GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
John	conley	2250 s 34th st apt 616		GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Gary	Lindemann	4201 21st St SE, Apt 101		MANDAN	ND	58554
Janci	Kaiawe	2900 34th Ave S, Apt 1143		FARGO	ND	58104
Shawn	Trinneer	4644 Trenton Dr		BISMARCK	ND	58503
sdvfgbnhj	gbfhjm		456789	MENOKEN	ND	58558
Isaish	Everett	6883 13st nw		GARRISON	ND	58540
Leslie	Umpleby	703 6th Ave Se		Mandan	ND	58554
Carol	Stafford	519 5th St		Page	ND	58064
Kathy	Stortroen	4434 Santiago Blvd		FARGO	ND	58103
Robert	Hale	1306 12th St West		DICKINSON	ND	58601
Carol	Wendel	2509 Cherry St		GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Mary	Stockeland	208 7th St SW		COOPERSTOWN	ND	58425
Dwight	Johnson	2723 19th ave West, Same		WILLISTON	ND	58801
Jacquelyn	Martin	11st s		WAHPETON	ND	58075
Jake	May	905 28th Street south		FARGO	ND	58102
Samantha	Entze	1200 3rd Ave NW#8		BEULAH	ND	58523
Eric	Jones	211 walnut st		GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Margaret	LaRue	403 7th Ave Se #4		STANLEY	ND	58784
Clay	Beston	P.o box 822		DUNSEITH	ND	58329

Byron	Klevgaard	615 1st ST N	Fargo	ND	58102
Brenda	Monson	2908 7th Street North, Apt 4, Apt4	FARGO	ND	58102
carolyne	bosch	1018 w lincoln ave	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Kourtney	Littlewind	608 23rd ave south	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Susan	Robbins	311 7th Ave. N.	ELLENDALE	ND	58436
Tristin	Manthey	23 3rd Ave sw	HILLSBORO	ND	58045
Bernadine	Azure	124th North 1st street	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Diane	Joa	4220 17th ave s apt 9	FARGO	ND	58103
shari	rebarchek	2384 19th st ne	Grand Forks	ND	58203
John	Wiltse	303 8th St	RIVERDALE	ND	58565
Brian	Joersz	4518 Patriot Dr	BISMARCK	ND	58503
Martin	Carrizales	608 23rd Ave S	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Ndikumana	Gabriel	2493 27th Ave S, Apt 730	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Ila	Stadel	3200 BAY SHORE BND SE	MANDAN	ND	58554
Donna	Weiler	707 3rd NW	MANDAN	ND	58554
Isaac	Bryant	1900 W Burdick Expy . #4	MINOT	ND	58701
Charlotte	Gallup	2500 Valley view ave	Bismarck	ND	58501
Byron	Klevgaard	615 1st ST N	Fargo	ND	58102
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Cheryl	Ferraro	2654 South 19th Street	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Tia	Gardner	P.O Box 203	ROLLA	ND	58367
Mary	Green	120 4th St W apt2	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Barbara	Peterson		Minot	North Dakota	58701
Mark	Crocker	123 Roberts St. #203	FARGO	ND	58102
Ashley	Ortiz	174 West Ave, Lot 6	NEW TOWN	ND	58763
Rory	Mitchell	3211 East Rosser #6	Bismarck	ND	58501
joe	miller	1111 9th ave s	FARGO	ND	58103
Lisa	Wine	Chocolate street	FORT YATES	ND	58538
Antonio	Sanchez	2929 8th St North apt3	FARGO	ND	58102

KBill	Reece	Po box 182	SANBORN	ND	58480
Rosalia	Baumgard	109S.COTTAGE GRVE AVE.	LUVERNE	MN	56156
Amber	CARLSON	806 n 1st st apt 3	BISMARCK	ND	58501
Jennifer	Poitra	9660 33rd Ave Ne	DUNSEITH	ND	58329
Anne	Lawson	603 40th Ave S, #A	GRAND FORKS	ND	58201
Danielle	Weis	924 5th St south Fargo	FARGO	ND	58103
colleen	brown	3315 university drive	BISMARCK	ND	58504
Amber	Chopping	402 8th Ave se	JAMESTOWN	ND	58401
Dominic	Houle	4219 10th ave s	MINOT	ND	58701
Kelly	Dewall	3831 Jericho Rd	BISMARCK	ND	58503
ERIC	MCCLOUD	PO BOX 1143	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Katt	Oates	2526 15th st s	FARGO	ND	58103
Kristina	Fisher	3514 33rd Ave west unit 26	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Amy	Kulstad	9220 Co Rd 16	POWERS LAKE	ND	58773
Leann	Rooker	725 E Avenue B unit D	Bismarck	ND	58501
JOSE	Trevino	2630 old red trail nw	MANDAN	ND	58554
peggy	koch	12082 18th St Se	LUVERNE	ND	58056
Terrance	Peltier	Hwy5	BELCOURT	ND	58316
Kimberly	Elskoe	2615 4th ave no	Grand Forks	ND	58203
Jane	Ohnstad	929 Page Dr S Apt 301	FARGO	ND	58103
dave	SCHLENVOGT	1767 Cypress Way	WEST FARGO	ND	58078
James	Tucker	17530 Redwing Blvd. Hastings Minn. 56034	GARDNER	ND	58036
Debra	Zentner	209 4th St.W.	WILLISTON	ND	58801
Marsha	Bradwisch	1500 18th St SW Lot 7	MINOT	ND	58701

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Benefits of the Northern Divide Wind project

- Hundreds of jobs during construction
- 5 – 7 full-time operations jobs
- Approximately $30 million in landowner payments (over first 30 years of operation)
- Nearly $30 million in property taxes (over first 30 years of operation)
- Supports local businesses through purchases of regionals goods and services

- The Northern Divide Wind project is compatible with farming and ranching
  - Each turbine takes up less than an acre of land
  - Access roads help in farming operations
  - Land payments from wind project offset bad harvest seasons and commodity prices
  - Helps keep family farms intact, pass down to the next generation
- The Northern Divide Wind project generates home-grown, renewable energy.
  - Uses no water and creates no emissions
  - Uses North Dakota's own wind resources to generate clean, low-cost energy
  - Reduces America's dependence on foreign sources of energy
  - American-made energy for future generations
- Landowners have rights to develop their land
  - The majority of people in Burke County want a wind project
  - A vocal minority shouldn't be able to take away landowners' rights
  - It is un-American for someone else to dictate what people can and can't do to earn from their land
- NextEra Energy Resources is investing in the state of North Dakota
  - The company has invested over $2.7 billion in the state
  - Proven track record with 14 other successful wind projects across North Dakota
  - Proven track record of partnering with communities
  - The company honors its commitments
- A vocal minority is spreading misinformation and rumors about the Northern Divide Wind project
  - Independent, peer-reviewed studies show wind turbines are safe
  - Independent, peer-reviewed studies show no negative impact on property values
  - People have been living and working around wind turbines for generations
  - Don't let a small group stop a project that will benefit the whole community

I agree with Statements above. I own Land involved with The Power Line

Sincerely
Arnold Jorgenson

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Powers Lake, ND 58773-0315

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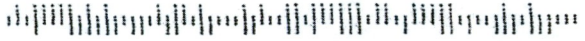


WIND
Wind Industry of North Dakota

April 6, 2020 * Resubmitted April 24, 2020, for official record

ND Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: PU-19-376 & PU-19-377

Honorable Public Service Commissioners,

On behalf of the Wind Industry of ND (WIND), we write to show our support for the economic benefits and additional clean energy that the Northern Divide Wind project will bring to the state of North Dakota.

Wind is an abundant and valuable asset for North Dakota. It supports more than 1,500 permanent jobs in North Dakota, provides supplemental income for farmers and ranchers and generates millions of dollars in revenue for counties throughout the state.

NextEra Energy Resources has been working in North Dakota for nearly two decades and has a proven track record. They have invested over $2.7 billion in the state, including 14 successfully operating wind projects.

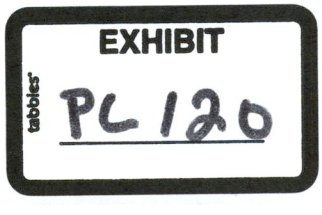
Northern Divide Wind will create good-paying jobs – hundreds of construction jobs as well as full-time operational jobs. It would add considerably to the local economy. Over the first 30 years, it's expected to generate approximately $30 million dollars in additional tax revenue for Burke County. It would put more than $14 million dollars of additional funding into local schools, 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.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

WIND INDUSTRY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Wind Industry of ND (WIND) is a coalition of industry members and supporters that include the American Wind Energy Association, Apex Clean Energy, Capital Power, EDF Renewable Energy, Enel North America Inc., and NextEra Energy Resources. For more information visit www.windindustrynd.com.



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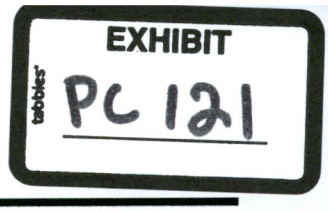

Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:18 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Comments concerning wind project psc case#PU-19-376

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Roberta Helseth <Roberta.Helseth@k12.nd.us>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 3:36 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Cc: Roger Helseth <rhelseth1@hotmail.com>
Subject: Comments concerning wind project psc case#PU-19-376

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My husband was having technical difficulties sending this email, so he asked me to transcribe it on his behalf.

Transmission PSC #PU-19-377

Dear PSC Members,

My comments are concerning the northern divide wind project. The public hearing was on April 17, via remote technologies.

First of all, I am not in the "footprint" of this proposed project, but I was in the original Burke wind project that was disallowed. My comments are concerning the various "wildlife" entities involved-both state and federal. I have an avid interest in wildlife and hunting and have had my whole life. And so did my late Father. I operate a 100 year farm/ranch that my Grandfather had, and my Father had for 50 years, and now myself for 40+ years. Over all of those years I could not venture a guess of the thousands of water fowl and upland game birds this farm has produced-it would probably be in the 100 of thousands and more. I do not post this farm and enjoy those that love to hunt experience success on the property. As previously stated, I have made my living here for 40+ years on this land, and recently (this year) I have retired from crop farming and will continue ranching. When the first Burke project was proposed, I looked at it favorably that perhaps my land could work a little for me instead of vice versa. But, because of this "Prairie Potholes" region that I am in, the game and fish and US Fish and Wildlife had the final say on what I am allowed to do with my own land. That is not right and these entities have way too much clout and power. It's almost like they are their own political party. If they can dictate this issue, then they should have a program to pay me equivalently so I would never even consider a wind farm lease in this area. I do not believe a project like this would have ruined or decimated the wildlife ecosystem. Wildlife adapt and deal with it, like we all should.

As a side note to my rant, I want you to know that I have utilized "wildlife" programs and grassland easements. I also have a good relationship with ALL the people that I have dealt with, they are my friends. But I had property that would have fit this project nicely but they encountered grouse, so no way.

I also am on the Township board (Leaf Mountain Township) and I have been approached more than once about setting up our own zoning, so a project like this could not possibly have happened. I am a firm believer in not telling people what they can, and cannot do with their property. That is not my place as a Township officer. Another board member agrees, so the zoning did not happen.

Sincerely

Roger Helseth
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Thank you for your time and consideration. Stay safe and healthy and have a great day!

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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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From: Minnesota & North Dakota Laborers District Council <buildbetternd@gmail.com> On Behalf Of Cory Bryson
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Apr 25, 2020

North Dakota Public Service Commission

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Thank you. I hope you will do the right thing for the hard working people of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Cory Bryson

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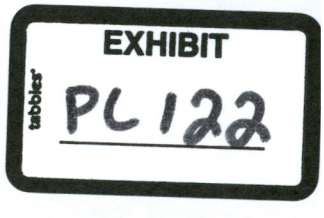

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From: Eberl, Stacy L.
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To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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Thank you. I hope you will do the right thing for the hard working people of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:41 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide Wind Project (Case No. nPU-19-376) and Transmission Line (PU-19-377)

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Randall E Greenfield <regreenfield@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:41 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Northern Divide Wind Project (Case No. nPU-19-376) and Transmission Line (PU-19-377)

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To the ND Public Service Commission:

The Application for the Northern Divide Wind Project should be approved.
There exists an abundance of favorable amounts of wind in North Dakota for electrical energy generation. Wind farms have minimal effect on the environment and wildlife habitat. Wind energy can provide landowners with additional income and small ND communities with more jobs and tax revenue. Having more sources of electrical energy decreases electrical rates and ensures the continuity of available electrical energy.

Now is not the time to disapprove an application for a clean renewable energy source like wind energy. Even with recent relaxed EPA regulations coal-fired power plants are choosing to shut down due to the high costs of modernization and the decreasing market for coal-fired electrical energy. Some states such as Oregon and Washington have enacted laws to terminate the purchase and billing for coal-fired electrical energy. In January of 2020 one of the largest coal-fired power plants west of the Mississippi river located at Colstrip, MT closed down the oldest 2 of its 4 power plants; decreasing its electrical energy generation by roughly one-third. The reasons given were the settlement of a lawsuit for environmental contamination, the high cost of coal, the high cost of modernization, and the decreasing market for coal-fired electrical energy. ND coal-fired power plants are also struggling to reduce carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, and mercury emissions.

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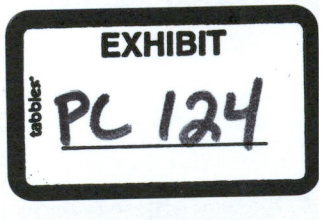

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: PSC Case No. PU-19-376, PSC Case No PU-19-377

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The Gilbertson Partnership is a land owner in Burk County and is in favor of the above captioned projects.
LeRoy Gilbertson
General Partner, Gilbertson Partnership
602-291-5447

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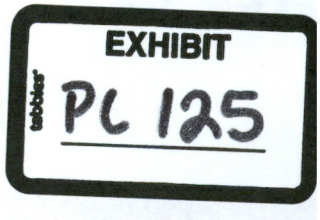

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: burrke / divide wind project

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!!

-----Original Message-----
From: ronald peters <ronald_ptrs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:06 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: burrke / divide wind project

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This letter is about the burke/divide wind towers. I live in Cleary township 160- 93 and I have land in sections 1,2,11, 12. I feel that the meeting was unfair to us people of burke county. I feel that a public meeting should be held so that the people can attend and voice there opinions. There was several times the voice and audio was lost, the longest I timed was 12 minutes, and a lot of interrupted shorter periods. Several people was hard to hear. I would like to know why Clay Cameron was looking upward a lot when he was talking, it seemed to me that he was being coached from a monitor. I would like to know how the old blades are being disposed of when they decommission a tower. I sure don't want them disposed of in burke county. I read a letter from the game and fish and I got the impression that Nextera tried to improve somewhat on the wild life, but game and fish was still not going to award a five star rating yet. I also would like to know how these 1 acre or 2 acre pot holes are going to be built and where? The hole point I gather is not to be disturbing the earth, and by doing this they will be doing just that. To me it seems to be a wasted concept, we should just leave what is here alone and scrap this project. As I understand this second attempt was supposed to be a new location or be relocated entirely, it is still inside the old plan, just shifted to the west some. I feel that these wind farms decrease the value of our land when it would come up for sale. I know of a young couple that purchased an old farm site from a lady that lived in leaf mountain township an at the time of the sale the lady never told anything about the towers coming in that area. If the couple would have known this they would never would have bought the farm site. I live on a 3rd generation farm and I do feel that if my neighbor constructs an object beyond a reasonable height and size, and if it interferes with your view one should have reasonable cause to dispute the object. I do not agree that the roads will not be impacted from a project like this. Roads that were constructed by a mucker (a road building device of the old days) are not capable of handling continuous heavy loads. I will briefly try to describe a mucker. It was a large belt type conveyor with a large disc blade on the ground end that cut the earth and placed the soil on the belt. It was powered by an engine and pulled by horses or tractor. There was no striping of the top soil off, the top soil went right in the bottom of the road witch does not make for a firm road base. I believe Pat Ely stated that Nextera never contacted him or the land owner when they drove down crops. I have been told that he was not the only one that happened to. Maybe it would be a good idea to contact everyone involved in this project and ask if Nextera has fulfilled there promises. we should not have a company in here that is not doing what they say is going to be done. I feel that the oil field has impacted this area enough and if we keep it up there will be nothing left here to enjoy here. I chose to keep the family farm alive and that it was the place for me to enjoy myself. I love the wild life, the scenery of the rolling hills. God created this country for us to enjoy like it is in it's natural state, not with industrial structures ruining the natural state of the land. Nextera stated they are hiring local help. I know of a gravel company 3 miles north of Powers Lake that was never contacted to supply gravel for this project. He has stated to me that his summer is looking very poor for work lined up. I believe that a out of state company has the contract for the pro ject and has obtained land for gravel production. Why can't a local company benefit from this project, I thought the hole goal of this project was the benefits

to the local businesses and the county. I know only of 1 job fair held in powers lake area and I did see 1 local person applying. If Nextera is allowed to do this project and start as soon as possible, what measures are going to be done to prevent the spread of the covid-19 virus with the people they bring into this area, or are we expendable and don't matter in this equation. I feel that our county commissioners only looked at the money they were promised for the county. I feel that the commissioners let the people down. There are townships now that are making there own township ordinances , one must ask why are they doing this, was it because they are being let down by the county. I feel we are being let down. If I am correct on a news statement that Julie made, that the power grid is being over loaded now with the power being generated. Why is this happening and why are we trying to add to the problem by creating new wind farms. Lets correct one problem before adding more to it. Please deny this project. If you have any questions you may contact me at 701 339 8697. Thank you for you time . Ronald Peters

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From: Eberl, Stacy L.
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To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:46 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
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Apr 26, 2020

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Sincerely,

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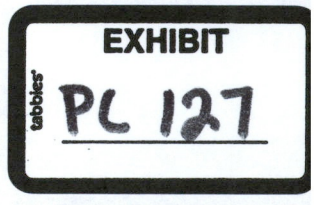

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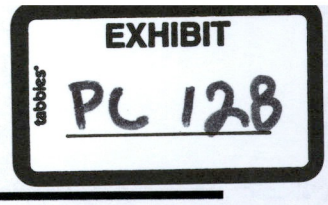

Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
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Subject: FW: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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-----Original Message-----
From: Minnesota & North Dakota Laborers District Council <buildbetternd@gmail.com> On Behalf Of Pamela Trhlik
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Dear Brian, Randy and Julie,

I listened to the full testimony online for the Northern Divide Wind Farm proposal even though it was quite lengthy and support approval of this project, as my union normally does. With that said, we will continue to hammer home the local hire, local workforce messages each and every time a project comes in front of the Public Service Commission.

Dr. Lucas Franco has been a tremendous asset to LIUNA in our Minnesota and North Dakota regions and his research is invaluable. The fact that North Dakota Century Code may already have a provision to demand local hire at a certain level is a positive discovery, and one that you can use going forward.

I know it sounds like we are a broken record sometimes, but in this unbelievable economic uncertainty with the worldwide pandemic we believe North Dakotans should come FIRST as the state starts to open again. There are many projects under your guidance each year that could be approved with a provision for a certain amount of local hire. It will take years for our economy to come back to normal and perhaps it will never be back to what it was within the last few years. Many North Dakotans will be looking for better paying jobs because there could potentially be many jobs that don't return as the state settles back into normal.

Construction jobs will always be around and we believe state agencies and elected officials should always choose North Dakotans first. I will continue to fight for work for my union members and also simply for hiring all North Dakotans first. Companies such as Blattner who claim to use local workforce are deploying worthless strategies to get local workers on their wind farm projects. In addition, these projects need to have skilled laborers on the sites for safety, reliability and experience.

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As you move through the approval process for the Northern Divide Wind Farm, consider what you can do to promote and or mandate local hire.

Thank you,
Pamela Trhlik

Thank you. I hope you will do the right thing for the hard working people of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Pamela Trhlik

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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide Wind (Cases PU-19-376 & PU-19-377)

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From: jonas ness <nessjonas@gmail.com>
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To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Northern Divide Wind (Cases PU-19-376 & PU-19-377)

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jonas Ness and I am writing you because I want to express my support for the Northern Divide Wind Project. I grew up in Williston in western North Dakota and we have a home in Burke County. As someone who spends a lot of time enjoying the outdoors and hunting waterfowl, I initially had concerns about the impact of the wind turbines on flight paths of the ducks and geese. I have a friend who works for Delta Waterfowl Foundation. He spends a lot of time in the field and so I about it and he gave me information which shows that the wind turbines have minimal effect on the birds, and that migrating birds know to avoid those fans.

As a land owner, I also had concerns also about the impact of the construction of the turbines on the land. But after visiting the locations of existing turbines and talking with our neighbors who have them on their land, I see that the property was re-soiled and well and that land reclamation is not a problem. I value the opinions of these landowners and the overall opinion is that they are glad to see the land being put to good use, and in a way which is unique for our area.

It's been exciting to see the developments with wind energy in nearby Tioga and other parts of the state. I feel this is a very positive and significant way to provide our state with the energy we need for our lives and wellbeing. I've seen similar projects bring economic benefits to the community and landowners. We would be delighted to see our community benefit in the same way. This is something that we really need, especially in these uncertain times.

Please consider my family's and neighbor's support for the Northern Divide Wind Project.

Thank you.
- Jonas Ness

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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From: Minnesota & North Dakota Laborers District Council <buildbetternd@gmail.com> On Behalf Of Evan whiteford
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 5:16 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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North Dakota Public Service Commission

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Sincerely,

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: both PSC Case No. PU-19-376 and PSC Case No. PU-19-377

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From: starla <starlanorstedt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 6:46 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: both PSC Case No. PU-19-376 and PSC Case No. PU-19-377

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Public Service Commission
600 E Blvd. Avenue, Dept 408
Bismarck ND

Brian Kroshus, Chairman
Randy Christmann, Commissioner
Julie Fedorcek, Commissioner

Reference, Northern Divide Wind LLC Case No. PU-19-376 and PU-19-377

I have taken the time to read all of the pro and con letters submitted for these 2 cases.

My reasons for supporting this project are personal and community based.

First and foremost personally I believe that land owner rights come into play here If the only impact on my neighbors is that they have to look at the equipment placed on my land then I am not infringing upon their rights. My ownership far outweighs their view of my land. I have put my investment of time (38 years not to mention my husband is the 3rd generation) and money into this land. We, all of us as landowners should have every right to utilize it to its highest economic potential.

I am also aware of the impact that this would have on wildlife has been addressed and the Game and Fish have endorsed this project recognizing that Northern Wind LLC has done much to satisfy the concerns of Game and Fish. We as stewards of our land have also done Grassland and Wetland Easements with the ND Game and Fish and these easements are still in play.

I also serve on my township board as the clerk/ treasurer. I have served since 2014 in this capacity I have learned quite a bit about the financial impact economic development has on our township. We as a state must take advantage of every opportunity we have to support economic growth. This is where the funds come from for the maintenance of the roads and provide fire protection and insurance for my township. I have always believed we should take advantage of all of the resources in our state to have a balanced income for governance and public safety. As I am sure you are aware the recent impact of Corona Virus has had on our state especially the oil industry. This loss of oil revenue will impact my

township as we are expecting our townships share of oil revenue to drop dramatically. The state of ND needs to have more than fossil fuels as
A form of income. The state of ND needs to diversify our portfolio so we can have a more stable economy for our public services. After all this revenue impacts more than state agencies it impacts counties, cities, small communities and townships.
The picture of what our governing bodies provide as services for our citizens is very large and convoluted.

Now lets address the elephant in the room. The Corona Virus. I know of many who are losing their jobs in the oil field we need another industry to provide employment opportunities for those who have lost jobs. Of course this one project is not going to be able to provide relief for all who are in need but it may be a start, for my community and those around me. I truly would like to see this project go forward as an opportunity to fuel a more diversified pool of economic opportunities for my state and my community.
Let me reiterate my vote is a resounding YES for both PSC Case No. PU-19-376 and PSC Case No. PU-19-377

Thank You
Sincerely,
Starla Norstedt

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide Wind LLC

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: laura burau <lburau2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:34 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Northern Divide Wind LLC

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Good day,

I listened to the public meeting on the 17th. I have just a few comments. Somewhere in there it was mentioned that no one has complained about their lease. I would put to you that no one who signed a lease can complain. It is part of the lease that you cannot discuss it in any way. You have no redress if something goes wrong with your property, crop etc. Also part of the lease. That being said there is at least one lessee that was threatened with law suits if he didn't sign. He was worried enough for him to sign it. Our own relative wishes he had never signed the lease without checking into it more closely.

I have read up on some of the Next Era dealings and I wasn't impressed. We may have signed ours if we hadn't read it well and seen a lawyer. Several things stopped us: access to our property anywhere or time of their choosing, control of whether we can construct any new structures and then not being willing to supply lease copies to the other three siblings who own shares in part the property.

I have also heard, but have no proof, that all the cheaper wind energy sold will possibly close the coal mine and power plant. This would put 350-400 full time people out of work affecting Garrison, Washburn and Underwood. The Northern Divide Wind project may employ a lot of people during the construction phase, but would only have 5-7 full time employees when completed.

I ask that if you have any doubts about this company and it's project that you deny their application. Or postpone your decision until such time you are sure. Thank you for your time.

Laura Burau
9981 98th Street ND
Columbus, ND 58727

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To: Hamre, John G.
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From: Minnesota & North Dakota Laborers District Council <buildbetternd@gmail.com> On Behalf Of Rosario Baker
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:47 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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Thank you. I hope you will do the right thing for the hard working people of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:56 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide Windows LLC

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Shannon Burau <hiviewranch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:27 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Northern Divide Windows LLC

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Dear Public Service Commission,

I live in Section 28-162-94 Keller Township in Burke County. My farmstead is in the niche on the north side of the project with turbines to new placed to the west, south and east. The east and west are to be the minimum distance allowed for setback from my home. I also own land in Sections 22, 23 and 27. I am the third generation on the farm my grandfather homesteaded in 1906. I have just a few points to make as follows.

1. The way the footprint is set in, most of the project's roads will run east and west. The water flows south to north. This will change the watershed by altering the natural flow of the water. I have asked at the meetings if this has been approved by the Burke County Water Board. No one has answered this question, not the Planning and Zoning Committee, the county Commissioners or Northern Divide Windows LLC/Next Era.

2. Our township roads are what they caLloyd "muck roads". The rodbeds were made out of soil pulled up forming the ditches. They don't have a proper base to handle the numerous heavy loads and traffic that would come along with this project. Some of our minimum maintenance roads already been damaged last fall. (Pictures attached.)

3. The project will have a negative effect on the native grassland which is a dancing ground for Sharptail Grouse. Most, if not all, of the pasture land in the footprint is native grassland. We are also in the flight path for the Whooping Cranes and numerous other migratory birds, some of which nest here.

I strongly urge you to deny the Northern Divide Wind Project LLC. Thank you for your service.

Shannon Burau - landowner
9981 98th Street NW
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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: John - this goes with the one I just sent for Shannon Burau

Hi John, please docket this version with the pictures instead of the one I just sent. Please docket for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Shannon Burau <hiviewranch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:03 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Fw: Northern Divide Windows LLC

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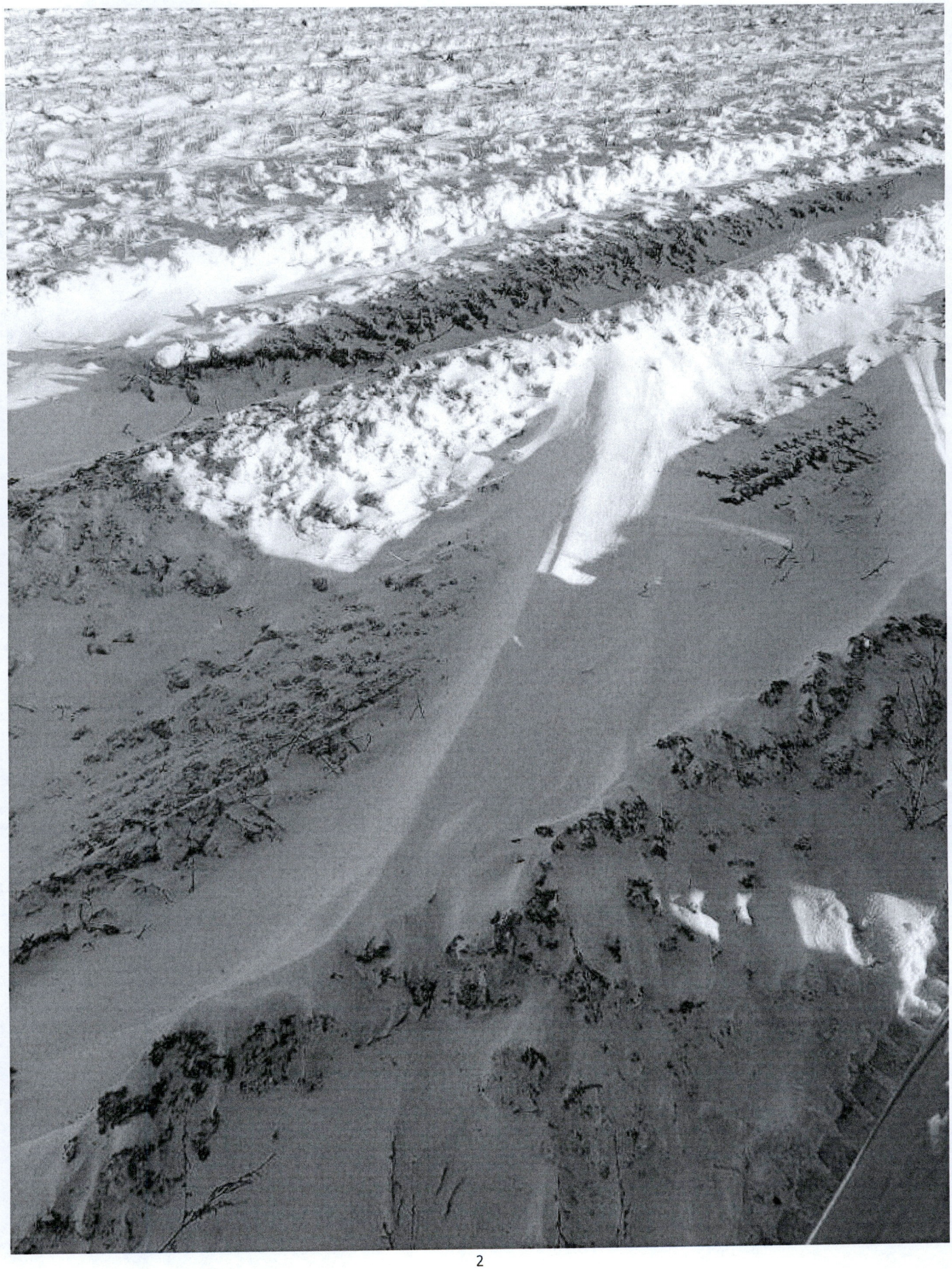
I forgot the pictures of roads.











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Cc:
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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:03 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Meeting about wind farm placement in Burke county

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Nicholas Burau <nickbminot@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:40 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Meeting about wind farm placement in Burke county

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed wind farm placement in the area of my family's farm in Burke County. I believe the land description for the portion I own a part of is "Burke County, Keller Township: S 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec 23-T162-R93; SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, S 1/2 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of NE1/4 of S28-162-94; NW 1/4 of Sec 22-T162-R94W, SE 1/4 of Sec 22-T162-R94W, NW 1/4 of Sec 27-T162N-R94W".

Before I start with my criticism I wanted to say that I am not against the idea of renewable energy being a large part of our economy. I look forward to a day when we no longer have to burn hydrocarbons to power our lives. I welcome companies to come to our state and help us take advantage of the natural resources we have as long as they do it in a respectful way.

What I don't like though, is companies coming in and looking to take advantage of us as we have seen the energy sector do for over a century now. Anyone that has been in the Columbus or Noonan area has surely seen the spoil piles or "mine hills" from the old coal mines. As far as I know, this was the first round of energy that came to take advantage of us. They took their profits and didn't clean up after themselves. After that was a couple rounds of oil production from the 60's to the 80's. These people also took their profits and left behind broken cable, pipes, and many other forms of trash. Everyone should remember the latest round of oil production that came through just in the last few years. This group of people has followed the same pattern of taking their profits and leaving behind a mess. This time it has taken the form of abandoned man camps, piping, wrecked vehicles, trash, an unknown amount of destruction of natural habitat by "waste water", and basements full of used radioactive well "socks". Everyone should be able to see that this is a long standing problem that continues to be the result of shady energy companies coming into our community.

NextEra originally contacted my parents and provided them a contract to sign. I was initially excited about it and after talking it over with them we all agreed they should take it to a lawyer to make sure it was as good as the representative made it sound. He pointed out several areas that we found unacceptable. He pointed out sections about the landowner not being able to publicly speak out against NextEra once the contract was signed, not be free to make modifications to their property such as planting of trees or modifications to buildings, a lack of studies and provisions for the local wildlife, and a lack of planning and funds to clean up the installation sites when the contract comes to a close.

Looking into it I found the portions the lawyer pointed out about not being able to publicly speak out against NextEra after signing the contract have been used in some incredibly distasteful ways, both here in North Dakota and elsewhere. While I was unable to attend the recent meeting in Bowbells, my father did. He relayed to me how one of the NextEra proponents used the fact that nobody that has signed the contract has spoken out as an argument in favor of passing of the proposal to allow them to continue their plans to install the wind generators. With only a small amount of research you can also see where they've used this in many other communities such as the one in this article.

Continuing to look into NextEra I found a startling amount of suspicious goings on. They have things that look like legal bribes to Ducks Unlimited as shown here. They have engaged in this same behavior at a much larger level than just what we see in our state. In this article you can see how NextEra and other energy companies have used this tactic to influence public opinion, change policy, and make more money. They also are not beneath using influence they have in congress to get their way as shown here where a member of the Senate is using his position to boost their profits and his own.

I also found that NextEra seems to have made a habit of bringing legal action against anyone that tries to prevent them from building what they want where they want to build it. This article shows where they were planning a wind farm and when they were denied they sued the township. This article shows several more instances of similar behavior as does this article, this article, and this one.

There are also numerous articles about how NextEra and subsidiaries have issues with long term energy project such as their nuclear plants. This article and this one discusses how they are not looking after their Seabrook plant and this article claims they were doing a poor job at their St. Lucie Nuclear Plant. This article, this one, and this one show that their Turkey Point nuclear plant has leaked an unknown amount of salt and dangerous chemicals into the surrounding environment.

The point in bringing up all of these things is to show that these people are cut from the same cloth as the ones that have taken advantage of our community so many times now. I request you do what you can to stop them from coming in and continuing the same cycle of abuse that my community has endured for over a century now.

Thank you for your time,

Nicholas Burau

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From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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From: Minnesota & North Dakota Laborers District Council <buildbetternd@gmail.com> On Behalf Of Henry Tapia
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 6:46 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
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I've lived in North Dakota for 9 years. I am Local 563,Laborers' Union.
With recent events, I believe all jobs should go to local hands first.
Now, if we weren't I'm this pandemic, I still believe jobs should not be allowed to go to out-of-state. Keep money local, stimulate our own economy. I do my best to support locally owned business and don't mind paying the extra dollar.

Thank you. I hope you will do the right thing for the hard working people of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Henry Tapia
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-----Original Message-----
From: Minnesota & North Dakota Laborers District Council <buildbetternd@gmail.com> On Behalf Of Daniel Corona
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:52 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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Sincerely,

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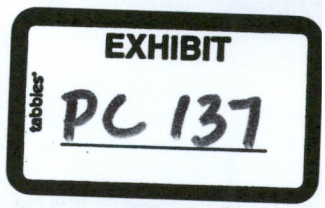

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From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Northern Divide Wind & Transmission Projects

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Laurandan <laurandan@nccray.net>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:00 AM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Northern Divide Wind & Transmission Projects

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To the North Dakota Public Service Commissioners,

We are writing to express our SUPPORT for the Northern DiVide Wind and Transmission Projects. PSC case No. PU - 19-376 and PSC Case No PU-19-377. We signed a contract for our land. The land we bought and paid for. We signed to help our family out financially, and The money will help send 4 kids to college and help with farming. I guess we don't understand how the "general public" can tell us what WE can do with OUR land. The wind towers will also help our county, schools, fire departments and ambulances. As the current Rural Fire Chief and former school board member, I know how much extra tax money helps both entities. We have oil wells to the north and to the east of our house. They don't look pretty or smell pretty and the flare is always there but it wasn't our land and we know how it helps the people that got them. We also sit in our front room and look at big bins and buildings instead of the countryside but it isn't our land, it's our neighbors so that's their right as much as I feel it's my right to put a wind tower on MY land. We would appreciate your support and a "YES" vote.
Thanks!

Sincerely,
Dan and Laura Peterson

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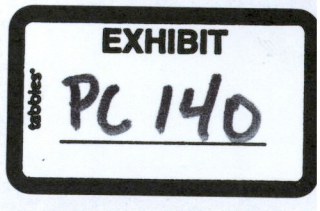

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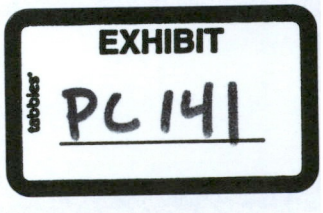

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Dear Commissioners,

First, please accept my heartfelt thank you for your service. I'll be forever impressed with the careful unwavering consideration and attention you have all invested throughout the proceedings around our wind development opportunities.

I am Tony Pandolfo, and I reside in Bowbells, Burke County, ND.

I have the honor of being the Mayor of Bowbells, as such, I have a seat on Burke County Planning and Zoning Committee and a seat on Souris Basin Planning Council. I have lived in Bowbells since 1984, and have farmed, ranched and lived in this area all of my life. I do not own land or property directly affected by Northern Divide Wind and do not stand to gain directly in any way from it. I am addressing the Commission on my own behalf, not in representation of any of the above entities.

I am now and always have been in favor in the development of wind energy in Burke County. I do not claim to have a full understanding of the USA federal policy incentives that are obviously key to the recent growth of the wind industry. But we in Burke County and North Dakota should accept where we are in the fray and accept the things we cannot change and manage to our best ability those for which we can participate in, which is why we are in this discussion today.

As a member of Burke County Planning and Zoning (BCPZ) I participated in the writing of our revised Comprehensive Land Use Plan – which did envision and accommodate wind energy development – which was then adopted by the Burke County Commission in 2017. As member of BCPZ, I motioned and voted in favor of NextEra's first Burke County wind project application, Burke Wind LLC, which was approved by Burke County Commission, and , as you know, denied by PSC. I also motioned and voted in favor of the present revised NextEra project, Northern Divide Wind, which also has been approved by Burke County Commission and is now before you.

For me, land owners' rights are my first concern. I do not know of one land owner who does not hold the best interests of their land and family first in their mind. This includes the interests the community in which they live. To maintain the land requires both proper stewardship and sound financial and economic judgement. Stewardship considerations, among other things, include present and future effects on the environment and productive capacity of the land. I do not see the wind farm development as creating an unmanageable impact on the environment or land productivity.

Specifically regarding habitat for birds and game animals – from my own land ownership experience, I've seen bird populations and flight patterns change markedly with no influence from energy development at all, and in discussions with land owners with wind development I've never heard one say the birds and game animals have been forced to stay away or move out.

Regarding watershed and erosion control problems from the road and site construction – I have direct experience since the late 1960's with oil development in this area. I'll be first to admit that the early oil developers had little or no consideration for how much of a mess they left in their wake. I also have direct experience now that current developers do, and must, practice and adhere to the strictest environmental controls or they cannot exist. With all of the information, technology, communication, equipment and regulation available and in force in the construction and operation of any developments today, I'm confident the likelihood of repeating the mistakes of the past need not be a concern. I have personally talked to a number of North Dakota landowners who have wind development, some have NextEra wind development, and all express very high respect for the construction and reclamation practices they've seen, and ongoing relations they've had, regarding their wind developments.

Regarding economic considerations, the benefits of gaining any long term revenue source to a business of any kind must be considered, and weighed against current and long term costs. These are both personal and community benefits and costs. I don't think I need to preach about how any NET enhanced economic activity and financial resources can benefit a family or community. I do consider wind development in Burke County as a NET enhancement. I have discussed with others in wind developed communities regarding the true economic benefit they've experienced from it, and have yet to hear from any that the economic results are anything other than positive.

I can hear and understand the views of the opposition to this wind development, some regrettably will bear more of the physical burden of being in close proximity to the wind towers than I or a lot of others, and I hope they are able to achieve some level of comfort or accommodation to alleviate that. But I also wish to state I have not heard any alternate options for Burke County from any source that might bring the kind of net gain, financially or otherwise, to our communities that this wind development will.

I feel that with local economic gain comes greater local control and the ability and the voice to direct our own destiny. Today we are experiencing truly tumultuous times with the double whammy of COVID-19 and the aftermath on our energy industry that the Saudis and Russia have added to the calamity. We are also reliant on the global economy and at the mercy of global politics, both of which are showing us presently how little control we have in some respects. We have the good fortune of being in North Dakota. We have energy, lots of it – and a diversity of sources of energy, a net clean source to North Dakota, in particular, I think is a good thing. And we have a very strong economic base on our own to the point which most other cities and states cannot compare. And we can feed ourselves. I'm of the opinion, that to stay strong and maintain as much control of our destiny as possible, we must not only keep up, but grow and diversify.

I see I'm well over one page in my response, so I'm losing impact. To close, I always remember the response in the late 1980's in this a region when the mind trusts of the population centers were proposing the "Buffalo Commons" approach. That nothing out here in the Midwest amounts to much anyway, so it should just be let to go back to its native state and carry on.

I guess we could have tried to find a way to survive in New York or Chicago or Los Angeles or Seattle. But I'm glad I'm in Burke County

I know and trust you will all follow your sound judgement in deciding our wind development future.

Best regards,

Tony Pandolfo

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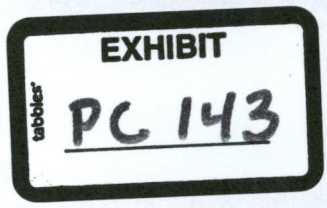

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Re: Northern Divide Wind Project (Case No. PU-19-376) and Transmission Line (PU-19-377)

From: Aaron Jacobson 11327 ND 5 NW, Noonan, ND 58765

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed industrial wind farm in Burke County called the Northern Divide Wind Project.

I own Land in Burke County some of which is a mile from the footprint. I rent a pasture that will have towers on 3 sides of it thus eliminating my ability to use the predator control airplane to kill coyotes before I start calving in that pasture, nor will I be able to use any aerial applicator to spray noxious weeds.

Please know that all of the testimony I gave at the PSC hearing in Bowbells last year is still relevant and I would like that all reviewed and allowed as part of my testimony for this project also.

Please review the testimony from the first hearing and find where an individual in opposition to the project testified about how he felt he had been lied to, and mislead into signing a friendly neighbor agreement and now was going to have many turbines very close to his house. I asked if he was going to comment again this time and was told that he and his father were reprimanded by Nextera, and told not to make any comments in opposition. I feel this is a very bad tactic for a many Billion-dollar business to use against a small young farmer trying to get started.

The wind energy business is not sustainable without the production tax credit. This tax credit is set to expire, and Nancy Pelosi tried to insert it into the C.A.R.E. stimulus package as a way to sneak it through congress without any discussion or opposition. I don't know if she was successful or not as I haven't seen the whole bill as it was written. I feel that any fiscal conservative should oppose all production tax credits and all private industry should be able to financially sustain its self without government help.

Are there any mitigated acres involved with this proposed project? If so, that is just one more example of the destructive effect this project will have on our area.

The first time this project was proposed it covered a larger area of Burke County and was voted against by the Zoning board with only one vote of support. The zoning board this time had a split decision supporting the project. It should be noted that not one of the zoning board members live anywhere close to the new project, and only one member has changed, and that the western part of Burke county has no representation. I feel that once the project was not going to be in there back yard they didn't care. Two of the county commissioners live in town and very far away from the project, one has a family financial benefit from the project, and all three live where they will not see or hear the project.

If the first project was moved due to its detrimental effects on Lost Wood National wildlife refuge why is my property and wildlife any different? Condensing the project into a smaller area will only increase the detrimental effects on the property, wildlife, people, and God Given beauty of the area.

I asked at the first hearing if any of the members of the PSC had driven through the proposed area and enjoyed the scenery, and none had. I hope and encourage that all members tour the area before making a decision. This is a very unique part of God's creation and there is non like it in North Dakota.

There are already industrial wind farms between Minot and Bismarck, why not build more in that area if they are truly needed as the view is already destroyed and thus eliminating the need for more transmission lines and moving the energy further.

Much of the proposed project will be within 3 miles of Divide County which has a 3 mile set back from any occupied residence for wind turbines. This project was made aware of this yet didn't pay any mind to Divide County or those of us who will have to look at this project from our property in Divide County.

In conclusion I strongly encourage you to save a small rural, beautiful area and population from the destruction of an out of state big business running on our tax dollars. I have included a letter I wrote to the Burke County Tribune in November of 2019 to be included in my testimony.

OPPOSE INDUSTRIAL WIND FARM IN BURKE COUNTY

If a snake oil salesman showed up and was selling you a product that was too good to be true, would you question it, do some research, or maybe just walk away from it? If a doctor said you have a life-threatening illness would you question him or go and get a second opinion? I am concerned that people supporting the proposed industrial wind project in Burke County are only listening to the salesman. As a land owner in Burke County and someone who could have to live with these the remainder of my productive life I am opposed to the industrial wind project and will outline some of my concerns in this letter.

The first reason being the devaluation of our property. It has been said by supporters of the project that we shouldn't tell people what to do with their property. But when what one person does on their property devalues mine, takes away my ability to enjoy mine, has negative affects on the health of our community as well as natural beauty of our unique part of God's creation, and displaces wildlife I certainly feel it is our responsibility to oppose such a project. We are already told what we can and can't do on our private property examples being needing a housing permit to build, being told what type of drain field and septic system we can install, where or if we can dig gravel, or simply being told to control noxious weeds on our land.

The proponents of the industrial wind farm claim this project will bring 1 million dollars into Burke County per year. But that is peanuts compared to the 5.5 Billion dollars they have received in tax credits, and doesn't include green credits or other incentives they receive. The 5.5-billion-dollar tax credit is taking money out of every tax payers pocket and making wealthy people richer. For perspective, 5.5 billion dollars is more than North Dakota has in the Legacy fund. A quote from Warren Buffet speaking in front of a wind developer meeting said "If it wasn't for the production tax credit there is no reason to build these things". Will the claimed 1 million really end up in Burke County? I don't feel it will. Of the projected towers, less than 35% will be placed on land owned by people residing in Burke county and of those who do reside in Burke county less than 20% actually live in the footprint of the project.

At a hearing held for the project that was denied we heard from a commercial air plane applicator that he can't spray any where close to these towers. If the ability to use airplanes to control weeds or apply fungicides as well as predator control is taken away from property that is close to the proposed towers that certainly devalues that property.

If the reason for moving the project away from Lostwood Wildlife Refuge was concern over wildlife and habitat destruction, why is my land any different, or any part of Burke County?

The western part of the foothills and coteau in Burke County is very unique in its beauty and people come from far and wide to enjoy its weather, its bird watching, hiking, hunting, bike riding or simply to enjoy the uninterrupted scenery of God's creation.

The development of an Industrial wind tower requires huge amounts of materials and actually will consume more energy to build than it will ever produce in its life span. The U.S. Geological Survey: Scientific investigations Report 2011-5036 reports that on average 1 megawatt of wind capacity requires 103 tons of stainless steel, 402 tons of concrete, 6.8 tons of fiberglass, 3 tons of copper, and 20 tons of cast iron. We haven't even begun to talk about the gravel required to build new roads or strengthen existing roads. The truck carrying the turbine is 218,000 pounds gross weight, a truck carrying tower steel sections weighs from 175,000 to 232,000 pounds, plus all the trucks required to carry concrete, rebar and other materials. Some roads will have to be straightened to get the extremely long loads in and corners and approaches widened. Plus, each turbine contains up to 80 gallons of oil that has to be changed every 12-18 months, and every truck or piece of equipment mining, building, and hauling the parts needs fossil fuels to operate.

The noise produced by these is detrimental to the health and well being of anyone living or working by these. A peer reviewed study published in Noise and Health titled "Effects of industrial wind turbine noise on sleep and health" by Nissenbaum, Aramini, and Hanning concluded that the noise emissions of industrial wind turbines disturbed the sleep and caused daytime sleepiness and impaired mental health in residents living within 4593 feet of a tower, Their research suggested that adverse effects are observed at distances even beyond.

We have been told that the shadow flicker is not an issue, and the blinking lights at night are not going to cause harm to our quality of life and health, by people paid to find that conclusion. If I could afford it, I could provide experts that would refute every claim made.

Why have some non-participants in the project area signed or been offered Good Neighbor Agreements giving up their right to complain about the effects this will have on them? Yet others have not even been communicated with to ask how they feel.

It has been said that these are no different than looking at an oil well. An oil well is not even remotely close to the height of a wind tower. The North Dakota capital building is 242 feet and the proposed towers will easily be much taller and could possibly even double that height.

It has been said that the developer of the proposed industrial wind farm has worked with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to develop the project. If that were true the project would have never proceeded. In a letter dated March 7, 2019 from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to the ND Public Service commission the following was stated:

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department first learned of the proposed Burke County Wind Energy Center at a joint agency meeting with NextEra and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in September of 2016. During this first consultation, Department staff voice considerable concern and indicated that the applicant "could not have picked a worse spot in the state" with regards to potential negative impacts to prairie and wetland wildlife species. Despite hearing these concerns, NextEra continued to move forward with the project, signing a Power Purchase Award (PPA) only one month later. It should be noted that this PPA was signed prior to any wildlife/habitat studies being done.

When the opposition to the proposed industrial wind farm brought signatures of people opposed to the project the attorney for NextEra requested the committee not consider or acknowledge the petition. These are signatures of people who were not able to attend the meeting themselves for many reasons including jobs and harvest. If people are not able to show opposition by signing a petition, I ask that the hearings be held in the evening or at times when all with concerns can attend.

In conclusion I hope to have showed that industrial wind farms are inefficient and not a consistent supplier of energy. No industrial economy ever powered itself on wind; no such country ever will. Calm days are very real things; whereas grid-scale electrical storage is a myth.

Sadly, the name of the project is the only thing I find fitting as it has certainly caused a huge divide in our community.

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This is a great opportunity for our community, and should mainly be done by local people to help their families, after all we are the ones living in North Dakota. Whenever these jobs are given to out of state workers, the locals are not receiving any benefits too help their families. Please allow this job to have mainly if not all local labors.

Thank you. I hope you will do the right thing for the hard working people of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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North Dakota Public Service Commission

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Thank you. I hope you will do the right thing for the hard working people of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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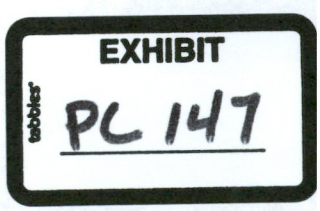

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:17 PM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Burke County wind project

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Landowners Assoc of ND <landofnd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:58 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Burke County wind project

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April 27, 2020

North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Re: Burke County wind project

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express our support for the landowners in Burke County who have voluntarily agreed to participate in the wind farm that is proposed for that area of our State. Landowners Association of North Dakota (LAND) has long advocated for and defended the rights of landowners across the state. We have fought for landowners rights in the USFW easement overreach, protecting our rights against encroachment by NRCS or EPA and the "Water of the US" proposal and protecting private property rights regarding the privilege of hunting. LAND has been a strong consistent voice for private property rights in North Dakota.

The debate about wind development is not an area that LAND takes a strong stand. But for LAND---the question is simply one of whether the rights of the private property owner are being promoted or impeded by the proposed policy or project. All of our members support the private property interests of the landowner to do what he or she wants to do with their property so long as they are following the law. That would be the case with the wind farm in Burke County.

So, I am writing to support the landowners who have chosen to share their property for the purpose of having a wind farm in their county. We would urge you to approve the project that is supported by the landowners on whose farms the project will be located.

Sincerely,

Dwight Wrangham
Bismarck, North Dakota
Executive Director, LAND

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To the preservation of our wildlife, environmental, and soil resources

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From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: NextEra Wind Project in Burke County
Attachments: Wind Turbine Remarks.docx

John, please docket the attached letter for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Amber Haugland <amberhaugland@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:22 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NextEra Wind Project in Burke County

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Please find the attached letter regarding the NextEra Wind project proposed in Burke County. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!
Amber

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From: **Amber Haugland** <amberhaugland@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 4:20 PM
Subject: NextEra Wind Project in Burke County
To: <ndpsc@nd.gob>

Please find the attached letter regarding the NextEra Wind project proposed in Burke County. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!
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As a native North Dakotan, I grew up in Divide County (a neighbor of Burke County) on the family farm and ranch. I have a deep appreciation for the beautiful prairie we are blessed to call home. The rich sunsets, the wheat fields swaying in the wind, cattle grazing on a native pasture are images that are forever etched on my mind and heart. I moved away for a few years, but North Dakota was calling me home. And home I came.

For the past 9 years, I have been raising my son on the family farm and ranch, passing these values on to him, and running a business as well. My business partners and I bought a hotel and renovated it into the "Crosby Lodge." It is a wildlife inspired lodge located just miles from the proposed wind turbine project. Our greatest occupancy percentage occurs during hunting season, in which hundreds of hunters travel to northwestern North Dakota to enjoy this pastime. Our small town thrives in the fall as hunters flood this region, staying at our hotel, eating at restaurants, buying goods at local businesses and even giving back to our fall fundraising projects such as Dollars for Scholars. Year after year, these hunters come back with their kids and grandkids to enjoy the North Dakota outdoors! Our business receives thousands of dollars of income from hunters coming to our region.

Renewable energy, like wind energy, is not free from impact. The impact to our natural and human resources is costly. The land that we call home is the prairie pothole region, a part of the central flyway, of which millions of ducks and geese annually migrate. This migratory pattern brings millions of dollars to our region every year. By allowing these wind turbines to be constructed in the middle of the prairie pothole region, this will result in birds diverting their migratory patterns around this region. This would be devastating to not only my business but to many local businesses. Some landowners are receiving lucrative payments to place turbines on their property, however a handful of landowners increasing their bottom line does not offset the economic distress to many families running businesses and paying employees in our community. Our ability to pay our employees comes directly from our income and if income declines drastically due to hunters not coming to our community, we will be forced to lay off our employees and potentially limit our facility or even shut down if the decline is drastic enough.

My family also owns land in Burke County, of which four wind turbines will be placed within one mile of the property. This land is land that my parents purchased for our family to ride horses, hike and hunt on. The wildlife that frequent this property include moose, deer, turkey, pheasants, ducks, geese, rabbits, and possibly whooping cranes. This property adjoins the Wildwood State Park and is very scenic, heavily wooded in spots with rolling hills between. This land is a legacy property, one which will be passed down to the next generation for the family to enjoy and continue these traditions on. It is devastating to think that four wind turbines, each within one mile of this breathtaking property, could soon be the focal point when on this land. Our family has no intention of ever selling this property, but consider the decline in value to this land as well as many other properties adjoining this project. In my opinion, if NextEra is allowed to move forward with this project, we are allowing our natural resources to be sold out for a fast buck. As a native North Dakotan, my values are not for sale. And why would we sell out this beautiful region to the wind energy industry that produces only 5.5% of our electricity across the United States (according to imaginethat.org)? The decline in property values, the loss of income to businesses that benefit from hunting, the ability to provide jobs for families, and the devastation to the land are all reasons to vote no on this project.

All forms of technology, and especially wind technology, are quickly advancing. Many teenagers today have never heard of a dot matrix printer or a tape player. In similar fashion, if allowed to proceed, the wind turbines that are being proposed will soon be obsolete giants dotting our landscape. A relative of mine has recently invested in a tech firm that has developed a much smaller wind turbine that is no larger than an enclosed trailer. It's pulled behind a pickup and sets up in one hour. It provides enough wind energy to power four homes. This appears to be the next advancement in wind energy technology. What will wind energy look like in five years? It's difficult to predict, but depending on the source, wind energy companies will tell you the turbines have a life span of 15-25 years, although other outside sources estimate it closer to 10 years. Consider if the life span was 15 years. What if these turbines are no longer profitable and are essentially old technology that isn't worth repairing or replacing? It is likely that these turbines will simply be sitting idle with no one to maintain them and keep them functioning properly. Worse yet, in 15 years, this company could declare bankruptcy and walk away from these turbines? Yes, these companies are required to put up a reclamation bond, but the size of the bond will not even be close to what will be required to reclaim this land. Who will pick up that cost? It will be left to our counties...to our kids or our grandkids. I have to question the sustainability of this project as well. Without federal tax credits and the rush to get this project going before they expire, this project would never have been on the table. Wind energy has not proven to stand on its own without flooding tax dollars to these companies. Why would we abandon our values for something that's not even sustainable?

Western North Dakota has seen its share of changes due to the oil activity in the past decade. We have seen our farm and grasslands scraped aside to allow for oil sites and disposals. We have seen it disrupt our natural resources including taking thousands of acres of habitat in the prairie pothole region. If we add wind turbines to this equation, we can essentially consider Northwestern North Dakota an industrial park. I love North Dakota and I did not move back so I could live next to a monstrosity towering above our land and adding more concrete to the ground creating an industrial park.

I am also frustrated with the fact that Burke County has disregarded the plea from the residents of Divide County. Divide County requires a 3 mile setback from any residences, whereas Burke County only requires ½ mile. There are proposed turbines that will be located within one mile from the Divide County line and within 3 miles of Divide County residences. The Divide County commissioners wrote a letter to Burke County's commissioners pleading with them to be a good neighbor and respect Divide County's 3 mile setbacks. Burke County Commissioners never responded to Divide County Commissioners' request. As a resident of Divide County and also with family land located in Burke County, this is infuriating to me. In North Dakota we pride ourselves on being good neighbors, but sadly that is not the case in this situation. When I sat in the Burke County courtroom and listened to testimony on both sides of the argument, it was clear that all those who spoke in favor of the project were receiving compensation, many of which were actually out of state landlords. Many of the people who will be benefitting do not even live in North Dakota. This is alarming that we would allow a project that, in the long run, will hurt northwestern North Dakota to move forward so that a small amount of people, many of which reside out of state, can benefit.

I am not against the people, but against the project. I am not against the company, but against the principle. I am not against landowners making money, but I am against selling out our natural resources to do so. When tax credits run out, prices decline, corporations fold up and sites are abandoned, someone is left with the mess behind...that's what we're leaving our children. I am asking the PSC to do

what is good and right for the future of North Dakota. My grandparents and my parents made it their aim to make life a little better for the next generation. For that, I am forever grateful. I am asking for your help in making North Dakota a better place for my son and his family to live. Please don't sell out North Dakota for a quick buck...our future depends upon you! Please put a stop to this project today!

Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Case #'s PU-19-376 (Wind Farm) & PU-19-377(T-Line)

John, Please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

-----Original Message-----
From: Jude <judeburau@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:56 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Case #'s PU-19-376 (Wind Farm) & PU-19-377(T-Line)

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Due to the oil business declining in our State and people moving out of our State it would benefit us by having the workers from Nextera move in. It would benefit the State with the extra tax revenue that would be generated for our community and State. Nextera has invested a lot of money to make to make this project successful. As land owners we are totally in favor of this project!

Sincerely,

Thomas and Jude Burau

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:37 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
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From: Minnesota & North Dakota Laborers District Council <buildbetternd@gmail.com> On Behalf Of Gloria Laber
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Support local workers

Thank you. I hope you will do the right thing for the hard working people of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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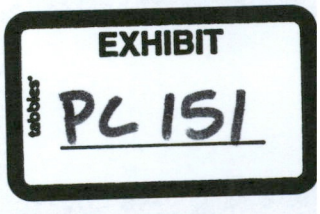

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Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Public Comment on Northern Divide Wind Energy (Case Nos. PU-19-376 and 19-377)

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-----Original Message-----
From: Minnesota & North Dakota Laborers District Council <buildbetternd@gmail.com> On Behalf Of Alex Acevedo
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:18 PM
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Give North Dakota hands the opportunity to work on good paying jobs so we can raise our families and stay in North Dakota.
Thank you
Alex Acevedo
Journeyman laborer at local 563

Thank you. I hope you will do the right thing for the hard working people of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

Alex Acevedo

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aacevedo1st@gmail.com

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Hamre, John G.

From: Eberl, Stacy L.
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:45 AM
To: Hamre, John G.
Subject: FW: Wind Project PSC Case No. PU-19-376

John, please docket the comments below for PU-19-376 and PU-19-377. Thanks!

From: Sherrie Hopkins <ratherbesewing@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:42 PM
To: -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>
Subject: Wind Project PSC Case No. PU-19-376

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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of the wind project. We realize that wind power is a clean form of energy, good for the environment and part of the future of energy . Being land owners in the midst of the project we can attest to the fact that wind is an abundant commodity!

Growing up on a farm taught us that diversity is what helps farms survive. When we grew up it was cattle and grains, when one did not carry us through the other usually did. Oil has been in the area and has helped many farms survive and now we have an opportunity to have wind as another form of diversity. Much of the land that we own has been in the family for five generations going on the sixth. We thought about what our ancestors who originally settled the land would have done and believe they would approve. This is one of the many reasons we have decided to support the project.

The advantage of the wind project is a financial boost to local land owners with the added benefit of support to the local economy and infrastructure. Now more than ever it is important that we do as much as possible to decrease our dependence on foreign energy.

Sincerely,

Marlys Carlson and her daughter Sherrie Hopkins
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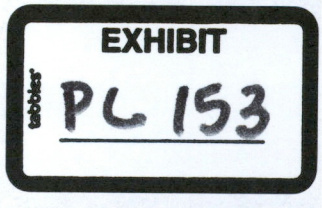

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North Dakota Public Service Commission

Re: Northern Divide Wind Project (Case no. PU-19-376) and Transmission Line (PU-19-377)

From: Shelbey Jacobson 11327 ND5 NW, Noonan, ND 58765

I am writing in opposition to the proposed wind farm in Burke County called the Northern Divide Wind Project.

I own land in Burke County some of it is a mile from a proposed tower. I also rent a pasture that will have towers on three sides of it.

Please consider a vote against these towers. The tower height is taller than the Capital. Where in the proposed area the tallest object is a cell phone tower.

The wind towers need petroleum products to run and the blades need petrochemical to create the longer lengths. So, what is the point of putting them up? They are not creating "Green Energy". The life expectancy of a tower is 20 years. Who is going to clean up the mess and dispose the towers when the time comes?

What will the future look like? This is a decision you all will have to make and I hope and pray that you vote against this project.

Shelbey Jacobson

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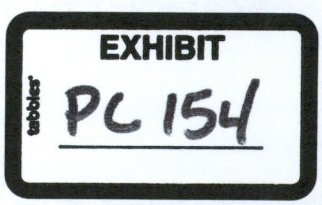

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