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Via Electronic Mail

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Mr. Steve Kahl
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**In re: Northern Divide Wind, LLC
Northern Divide Wind Energy Center
Northern Divide 345-kV Transmission Line
Case Nos. PU-19-376 & PU-19-377
Our Matter No. 035218-000045**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On behalf of Northern Divide Wind, LLC, please find enclosed for filing in Case Nos. PU-19-376 and PU-19-377, Northern Divide Wind, LLC's Preconstruction Conference Call Minutes and Notice of Intent to Commence Construction.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

CROWLEY FLECK PLLP


Casey A. Furey

Enc.

cc: Tracy Davis (via e-mail)
Jerry Lein (via e-mail)
Karine Finken (via e-mail)
Jaimee Antognazzi (via e-mail)

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern Divide Wind, LLC
Northern Divide Wind Energy Center
Burke County**

PU-19-376

**Northern Divide Wind, LLC
345 kV Transmission Line
Burke and Mountrail Counties**

PU-19-377

**PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION**

Northern Divide Wind, LLC (“Northern Divide Wind”) hereby provides the Commission with written notice of its intent to commence construction of the above-referenced projects beginning on June 23, 2020 or shortly thereafter.

Preconstruction Conference Call Date and Time: June 15, 2020, 10:00 – 10:47 AM CT

Attendees:

- North Dakota Public Service Commission (“ND PSC”):
 - Jerry Lein, Public Utility Analyst, jlein@nd.gov, 701.426.0336

- ND PSC Construction Inspectors, Keitu Engineers and Consultants, Inc. (“Keitu”):
 - Karine Finken, kfinken@keitu.com, 701.667.1808
 - Jaimee Antognazzi, jantognazzi@keitu.com, 701.667.1808

- On behalf of Northern Divide Wind:
 - Larry Levin, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (“NEER”), Construction Manager
Larry.Levin@nexteraenergy.com, 701.371.5747
 - Point of contact for landowner construction complaints.
 - Clay Cameron, NEER, Project Manager Renewable Development
 - Dustin Jones, NEER, Environmental Service Project Manager
 - Jim Hoekstra, NEER, Construction Manager
 - James Van wey, NEER, Construction Manager
 - John Bulich, NEER, Senior Project Manager
 - Mark Dahl, NEER, Electrical Superintendent
 - Tracy Davis, NEER, Senior Attorney
 - Casey Furey, Crowley Fleck PLLP, Local Counsel
 - Lindsey Churchill, AECOM
 - Jeff Stockton, Blattner Energy, Inc.
 - Jeff Hanson, Blattner Energy, Inc.

- Tim Kehr, Brink Constructors, Inc.
- Brandon Sanderson, Brink Constructors, Inc.
- Kris Gonzales, Brink Constructors, Inc.
- Quinten Hedlin, Energy Erectors. Inc.
- Al Richmond, Energy Erectors, Inc.
- Taylor Sullivan, Spriggs Excavation, Inc.
- Joshua Allen, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.

June 15 Meeting Minutes:

Call commenced at 10:00 AM CT with roll call taken.

Mr. Lein reviewed the Certification Relating to Order Provisions for PU-19-376, Docket No. 172, with call attendees and read Paragraphs 1-37 verbatim. Additional comments as applicable are noted below.

- Paragraph 3
 - Mr. Lein requested that Northern Divide Wind file road crossing agreements in addition to other applicable project permits.
- Paragraph 5
 - Mr. Lein stated that Keitu is the Commission’s third-party construction inspector and will be on-site several times.
- Paragraph 7
 - Mr. Lein inquired if Northern Divide Wind is aware of the ND PSC’s construction financial assurance requirements related to decommissioning. Northern Divide Wind is aware of the financial assurance requirements and a construction phase financial assurance is in the process of being filed with the ND PSC.
- Paragraph 8
 - Mr. Lein requested contact information for the construction supervisor. *See* contact information of Mr. Levin included above.
- Paragraph 10
 - Mr. Lein requested that Northern Divide Wind coordinate with Keitu regarding construction start date and dates for an onsite visit for topsoil removal review and inspection.
 - Mr. Levin indicated dirt work activities are anticipated to commence the week of June 22, 2020.
- Paragraph 11
 - Mr. Lein directed Northern Divide Wind to file a copy of the meeting minutes and include an approximate start date for construction.
- Paragraph 20
 - Mr. Lein stated that the Commission’s construction stop authority can be exercised through Keitu.
- Paragraph 22
 - Mr. Lein recommended documenting existing road conditions through video prior to commencement of construction activities.

- Paragraphs 27
 - Mr. Lein highlighted the main requirements of the Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications.
- Paragraph 32
 - Mr. Lein requested that that Northern Divide Wind contact ND PSC staff immediately if a major or extraordinary event occurs onsite.
- Paragraph 35
 - Mr. Lein discussed One-Call requirements and recommended that Northern Divide Wind ensure all One-Call tickets are current.
- Paragraphs 38-39, discussion regarding certification procedure and process for filing facility modifications.
 - An update was provided that Northern Divide Wind is consulting with ND PSC counsel regarding the interpretation and applicability of both projects' Order provisions governing modifications as compared to the modification requirements set forth in both projects' Certification Relating to Order Provisions.

Discussion regarding the similarities between the Certification Relating to Order Provisions governing the Northern Divide Wind Energy Center and associated transmission facility both of which are incorporated into the Order.

Call concluded at approximately 10:47 AM CT.