

Memorandum

To	North Dakota Public Service Commission
Subject	Case Numbers PU-19-376 and PU-19-377 Northern Divide Wind Energy Center and Northern Divide 345-kV Transmission Line Update to Applications Table 6-1 – Summary of Agency Comments
From	Northern Divide Wind, LLC
Date	February 3, 2020

Northern Divide Wind, LLC (Northern Divide Wind) submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) an update to the Northern Divide Wind Energy Center and the Northern Divide 345-kV Transmission Line Applications Table 6-1 – Summary of Agency Comments. Following the filing of the Applications to the Commission, Northern Divide Wind has had additional correspondence with the following agencies.

Table 6-1 Addendum Summary of Agency Comments – Nov. 21, 2019 to Feb. 3, 2020

Agency	Comment Date	Comment Summary
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense	Nov. 21, 2019	The Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse coordinated within the Department of Defense (DoD) an informal review of the Wind Energy Center and Transmission Line. The results indicated that the Wind Energy Center and Transmission Line will have minimal impact on military operations conducted in the area.
North Dakota Game and Fish Department (NDGFD) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Dec. 11, 2019	Northern Divide Wind informed the NDGFD and USFWS that the Commission has docketed the Wind Energy Center and Transmission Line in case numbers PU-19-376 and PU-19-377, respectively and the Applications are available online. Northern Divide Wind mentioned that Appendix B of each Application contains the wildlife reports and speculated a mid-March hearing.
Department of Defense	Jan. 9, 2020	The DoD Screening tool's military operations results indicated that the southwest corner of the Transmission Line falls within the confines of Military Training Route IR678 and provided a point of contact. Northern Divide Wind telephoned the point of contact. The point of contact indicated there is no concern for structures under 200 feet in height and thus the Transmission Line would have no effect on military operations.
State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND)	Jan. 24, 2020	The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office does not require a viewshed analysis for the Transmission Line (NDSHPO Ref #19-0574).

Attachments:

1. Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense – Nov. 21, 2019 Letter
2. State Historical Society of North Dakota – Jan. 24, 2020 Letter



SUSTAINMENT

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

3500 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-3500

November 21, 2019

Lindsey Churchill
Environmental Project Manager, Environment
AECOM

Dear Dr. Churchill,

As requested, the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse coordinated within DoD an informal review of the Northern Divide Wind Energy Center and Transmission Line Project. The results of our review indicated that the dual wind and transmission project, located in Burke County, North Dakota, as proposed, will have minimal impact on military operations conducted in the area.

Please note that this informal review by the DoD Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse does not constitute an action under 49 United States Code Section 44718 and that the DoD is not bound by the conclusion arrived at under this informal review. To expedite our review in the Obstruction Evaluation Airport Airspace Analysis (OE/AAA) process, please add the project number 2019-09-D-DEV-10 in the comments section of the filing. If you have any questions, please contact me at steven.j.sample4.civ@mail.mil or at 703-571-0076.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SJS", is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Steven J. Sample
Deputy Director
Military Aviation and Installation
Assurance Siting Clearinghouse



January 24, 2020

Melinda McCarthy
AECOM
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Dear Ms. McCarthy,

Pursuant to our conversation in my office the other day, this letter is to acknowledge the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Office does not require a viewshed analysis for the project NDSHPO Ref #19-0574: Northern Divide 345kV Transmission Line in Burke and Mountrail Counties, ND provided it takes place in the location and manner described in the documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions please contact Lorna Meidinger, Historic Preservation Specialist at (701) 328-2089, e-mail lbmeidinger@nd.gov

Sincerely,

for Claudia J. Berg
State Historic Preservation Officer
(North Dakota)

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