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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](http://www.windindustrynd.com).*