

April 20, 2020

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

RE: Proposed Northern Divide Wind
Brian Kroshus, Chairman
Rand Christmann, Commissioner
Julie Fedorack, Commissioner

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NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dear Commissioners,

I live in Larson, N.D. + I own land along with my 2 sisters in Leaf Mt. + Jay Twp. 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 worship 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 close to South St. Olaf as they are to Bethany.

In closing please honor + respect our heritage + our beautiful surrounding in this prairie area + say NO to the Devide Wind Farm.

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

Respectfully,
Liz Castel

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