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

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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,

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