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North Dakota Public Service Commission
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Re: Northern Divide Wind LLC
200 MW Northern Divide Wind
Energy Center - Burke
Case #PU-19-376

Northern Divide Wind LLC
345 KV Transmission Line - Burke & Mountrail
Case #PU-19-377

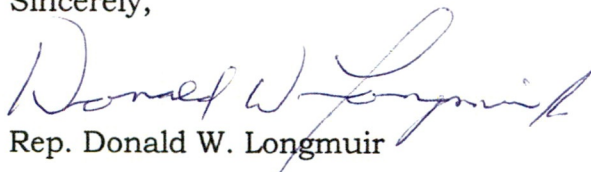
Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to share my support for NextEra Energy Resources (NEXT) and their Northern Divide Winds LLC project. NEXT has been working with landowners and various State agencies to develop a project meeting their needs and requirements. NEXT has invested heavily in the State and are operating 15 successful wind projects. NEXT's investment in this project will provide an important part of the State's complete energy policy of having a variety of energy producing sources including coal, oil.

Questions have been raised regarding the impact of wind towers on the farming community. Lessons have been learned from the 14 wind projects NEXT has been involved in and have been incorporated in the planning of this project. This project will provide an opportunity for participating landowners to receive a revenue which will help during this time of uncertainty in the agricultural economy.

I support the Northern Divide Wind project. It will have a positive impact on Burke County and the State of North Dakota for years to come.

Sincerely,


Rep. Donald W. Longmuir