

Kenmare Association of Commerce

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North Dakota Public Service Commission

Re: Support of Northern Divide Wind Farm Project

Kenmare Association of Commerce wishes to record its support of the Northern Divide Wind Project proposed for Burke County.

Kenmare is situated just 16 miles southeast of Bowbells in Burke County, and 71 miles southeast of Crosby in Divide County.

A large portion of the customer traffic for Kenmare's business district comes from the trade area stretching from Kenmare to Bowbells to Crosby, adjacent to U.S. Highway 52.

Besides, the obvious direct benefits to Burke County from tax revenue and new jobs, there will be indirect beneficial impacts to the commerce district of Kenmare, through increased customer shopping traffic.

The Kenmare Association of Commerce consists of 72 business, individual, and community organization members. We are active throughout the year sponsoring many community events, including shop local promotions, customer appreciation picnic in the park, rib cookoff, car and motorcycle rally, city-wide rummage sale, city-wide spring clean-up, Christmas light-up event, Santa Day. We also provide support to other independent community events, such as the 8-day GooseFest celebration, the Sportsmen's Banquet, Landowners Appreciation Banquet, and Dollars for Scholars banquet.

A wide variety of products and services are available at Kenmare's many businesses, making it a vital shopping center for the area. Any economic growth in the region helps Kenmare grow, as well.

NextEra Energy Resources has a reputable, long standing history of doing business in North Dakota.

Kenmare Association of Commerce supports their development of this project in our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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