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

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jonas Ness and I am writing you because I want to express my support for the Northern Divide Wind Project. I grew up in Williston in western North Dakota and we have a home in Burke County. As someone who spends a lot of time enjoying the outdoors and hunting waterfowl, I initially had concerns about the impact of the wind turbines on flight paths of the ducks and geese. I have a friend who works for Delta Waterfowl Foundation. He spends a lot of time in the field and so I about it and he gave me information which shows that the wind turbines have minimal effect on the birds, and that migrating birds know to avoid those fans.

As a land owner, I also had concerns also about the impact of the construction of the turbines on the land. But after visiting the locations of existing turbines and talking with our neighbors who have them on their land, I see that the property was re-soiled and well and that land reclamation is not a problem. I value the opinions of these landowners and the overall opinion is that they are glad to see the land being put to good use, and in a way which is unique for our area.

It's been exciting to see the developments with wind energy in nearby Tioga and other parts of the state. I feel this is a very positive and significant way to provide our state with the energy we need for our lives and wellbeing. I've seen similar projects bring economic benefits to the community and landowners. We would be delighted to see our community benefit in the same way. This is something that we really need, especially in these uncertain times.

Please consider my family's and neighbor's support for the Northern Divide Wind Project.

Thank you.
- Jonas Ness

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