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

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Reference, Northern Divide Wind LLC Case No. PU-19-376 and PU-19-377

I have taken the time to read all of the pro and con letters submitted for these 2 cases.

My reasons for supporting this project are personal and community based.

First and foremost personally I believe that land owner rights come into play here. If the only impact on my neighbors is that they have to look at the equipment placed on my land then I am not infringing upon their rights. My ownership far outweighs their view of my land. I have put my investment of time (38 years not to mention my husband is the 3rd generation) and money into this land. We, all of us as landowners should have every right to utilize it to its highest economic potential.

I am also aware of the impact that this would have on wildlife has been addressed and the Game and Fish have endorsed this project recognizing that Northern Wind LLC has done much to satisfy the concerns of Game and Fish. We as stewards of our land have also done Grassland and Wetland Easements with the ND Game and Fish and these easements are still in play.

I also serve on my township board as the clerk/ treasurer. I have served since 2014 in this capacity I have learned quite a bit about the financial impact economic development has on our township. We as a state must take advantage of every opportunity we have to support economic growth. This is where the funds come from for the maintenance of the roads and provide fire protection and insurance for my township. I have always believed we should take advantage of all of the resources in our state to have a balanced income for governance and public safety. As I am sure you are aware the recent impact of Corona Virus has had on our state especially the oil industry. This loss of oil revenue will impact my

township as we are expecting our townships share of oil revenue to drop dramatically. The state of ND needs to have more than fossil fuels as

A form of income. The state of ND needs to diversify our portfolio so we can have a more stable economy for our public services. After all this revenue impacts more than state agencies it impacts counties, cities, small communities and townships.

The picture of what our governing bodies provide as services for our citizens is very large and convoluted.

Now lets address the elephant in the room. The Corona Virus. I know of many who are losing their jobs in the oil field we need another industry to provide employment opportunities for those who have lost jobs. Of course this one project is not going to be able to provide relief for all who are in need but it may be a start, for my community and those around me. I truly would like to see this project go forward as an opportunity to fuel a more diversified pool of economic opportunities for my state and my community.

Let me reiterate my vote is a resounding YES for both PSC Case No. PU-19-376 and PSC Case No. PU-19-377

Thank You

Sincerely,

Starla Norstedt

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