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

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North Dakota Public Service Commission

Dear Public Service Commission North Dakota Commission,

I am submitting a comment on the Northern Divide Wind Energy case because it is time for wind energy companies to be held accountable and make them document the local jobs that they claim the industry is creating.

Wind farms can be a good thing when they create family supporting construction jobs for local workers. But too many wind farm projects rely on out-of-state labor. When these projects are built by out-of-state workers, we miss out on a lot of positive economic benefits.

I've lived in North Dakota for 9 years. I am Local 563, Laborers' Union.

With recent events, I believe all jobs should go to local hands first.

Now, if we weren't in this pandemic, I still believe jobs should not be allowed to go to out-of-state. Keep money local, stimulate our own economy. I do my best to support locally owned business and don't mind paying the extra dollar.

Thank you. I hope you will do the right thing for the hard working people of North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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