

**Supplemental Exhibits in Applications for Siting and Routing Permits for Northern Divide
Wind and Associated Transmission Facilities (ND PSC Dockets No. PU-19-376,19-377/OAH File
Nos. 20200007,20200008)**

April 27, 2020


Honorable Hope Hogan, Administrative Law Judge
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Dear Judge Hogan:

Pursuant to your instructions on the filing of post-hearing exhibits, please find attached true and correct copies of documents filed by affiliates of NextEra Energy Resources with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and downloaded from the Commission's online eDockets document management system, that express the company's commitment to a goal of employing 60 percent local workforce on the wind energy projects in question.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 612.224.6464 or
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Sincerely,



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September 10, 2019

Via Electronic Filing

Mr. Daniel Wolf
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**Re: Buffalo Ridge Wind, LLC
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Docket Nos. IP-7006/CN-19-309 and IP7006/WS-19-394**

Dear Mr. Wolf,

On August 22, 2019, the Laborers District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota (“LIUNA”) filed a petition to intervene (“Petition”). In the Petition at page 3, LIUNA seeks full party status “to ensure that the development of wind energy infrastructure can proceed in a manner that benefits Southwest Minnesota’s skilled construction workers and local communities as well as the state as a whole.” Buffalo Ridge Wind, LLC (“Buffalo Ridge”) does not object to LIUNA’s request for full party status. Buffalo Ridge further clarifies for the record that although an engineering, procurement, and constructor contractor has not been selected at this time, Buffalo Ridge commits to use reasonable efforts to employ no less than 60% local labor during construction, with local labor defined as residing within Minnesota.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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In the Matter of the Application of Buffalo Ridge Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 109 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Lincoln and Pipestone Counties, Minnesota

MPUC Docket No.
IP7006/CN-19-309

In the Matter of the Application of Buffalo Ridge Wind, LLC for a Site Permit for the 109 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Lincoln and Pipestone Counties, Minnesota

MPUC Docket No.
IP7006/WS-19-394

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of **Buffalo Ridge Wind, LLC’s Letter regarding LIUNA’s request for full party status** has been served today by e-mail and/or U.S. Mail to the following:

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Re: IP-6981/CN-17-306
In the Matter of the Application of Dodge County Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 170 MW Dodge County Wind Project and Associated Facilities in Dodge, Steele, and Olmsted Counties, Minnesota

IP-6981/WS-17-307
In the Matter of the Application of Dodge County Wind, LLC for a Site Permit for the 170 MW Dodge County Wind Project and Associated Facilities in Dodge and Steele Counties, Minnesota

IP-6981/TL-17-308
In the Matter of the Application of Dodge County Wind, LLC for a Route Permit for the 345 kV High-Voltage Transmission Line Associated with the Dodge County Wind Project in Dodge and Olmsted Counties, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wolf,

On September 5, 2019, the Laborers District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota (“LIUNA”) filed a Request to Consider Motions to Compel, specifically requesting the Commission rule on the administrative law judge’s denial of LIUNA’s Motion to Compel. While Dodge County Wind, LLC (“DCW”) continues to view LIUNA’s Motion to Compel as without merit, it files an update to Attachment 2 to DCW’s July 26, 2019 response in order to provide an updated projection on the use of local labor. The red lettering is the updated information.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment 2

Part A

The information contained in the Part A chart represents an estimate of the breakdown of local vs. non-local workers based solely on an indicative project in rural Minnesota and solely on general experience and not any specific data or information. Therefore, the information contained in Part A cannot be relied on as a representation of who DCW or a prospective General Contractor or associated subcontractors will or will not hire for the DCW wind and transmission projects. The actual values will likely not be the same, as actual hiring by the General Contractor and subcontractors will not occur until the early **Spring of 2021**, and even after that hiring values change during construction to maintain staffing depending on construction progress.

* Note: "Local" has been assumed to include any worker of the Contractor or their subcontractors that live in MN or within 150 miles of project site.

Labor Type	Average Headcount	Peak	Approx Source Location	
			Non-Local	Local *
Windfarm				
Laborers	50-60	65	70%	30%
Equipment Operators	30-35	30	20%	80%
Crane Operators	5-10	12	20%	80%
Electricians	40-50	52	25%	75%
Supervision/Management	25-30	30	40%	60%
Transmission				
Equipment Operators	3-4	4	30%	70%
Crane Operators	1-2	1	50%	50%
Electricians	20-25	25	60%	40%
Supervision/Management	3-5	5	100%	0%

Part B

The information contained in the Part B chart represents an estimate of the breakdown in Contractor's and their subcontractor's workers already employed vs. those new hires that would be sourced through a combination of local job fairs, advertising and existing labor affiliations based solely on general experience. Therefore, the information contained in Part B cannot be relied on as a representation of who DCW or a prospective General Contractor or associated subcontractors will or will not hire for the DCW wind and transmission projects. The actual values will likely not be the same, as actual hiring by the General Contractor and subcontractors will not occur until the early **Spring of 2021**, and even after that hiring values change during construction to maintain staffing depending on construction progress. It is also to be expected that established contractors already have existing workers employed and that only some portion of their peak crews will need to be augmented with new hires. Most of these new hire positions are not committed beyond the construction period of a project.

Labor Type	Average Headcount	Peak	Approx Employment status	
			Existing	New Hire
Windfarm				
Laborers	50-60	65	70%	30%
Equipment Operators	30-35	41	20%	80%
Crane Operators	5-10	12	20%	80%
Electricians	40-50	52	25%	75%
Supervision/Management	25-30	30	90%	10%
Transmission				
Equipment Operators	3-4	4	50%	50%
Crane Operators	1-2	1	100%	0%
Electricians	20-25	25	80%	20%
Supervision/Management	3-5	5	90%	10%

General Note:

Part A and Part B are not intended to relate in their values, any similarities are coincident. Likewise any interpretation derived from combining the values from Part A and Part B is not intended and can lead to false assumptions. These are simply 2 separate topics, each attempted to be answered separately.

Subcontractors / Material Suppliers

DCW expects to use a general contractor that intends to staff and supply the project as follows: All electrical construction workers on the collection system and substation will be from the local International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. All operating engineers on cranes and hauling will be from the local International Union of Operating Engineers. In addition to the union workforce, all concrete ready-mix, road building subcontractors, and the O&M building will be through contracts with local Minnesota businesses. DCW further clarifies that although an engineering, procurement, and construction contractor has not been contracted with at this time, DCW commits to use reasonable efforts to employ no less than 60% local labor during construction, with local labor defined as residing within Minnesota or within 150 miles of the project. DCW understands that the commitment to use reasonable efforts to employ no less than 60% local labor during construction is slightly more than the percentages originally estimated in the table in Part A above.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of **Dodge County Wind, LLC’s update to Attachment 2 to its July 26, 2019 response to The Laborer’s District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota’s Motion to Compel** has been served today by e-mail and/or U.S. Mail to the following:

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