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April 4, 2020

Dear Julie Fedorchak,

With growing energy needs in the Bakken, the Northern Divide Wind development was formed. Northern Divide Wind will generate 200 megawatts of power when completed and has a secure position on the transmission grid.

Wind has grown significantly in the last decade, growing from 1,000 Mw in 2007 to 3,600 Mw today. (Coal generates about 4,000 Mw).

Much of that power has gone to northwestern North Dakota to power the Bakken oil development and recent studies suggest that North Dakota will need hundreds of megawatts of new electricity in the next decade, much of it for oil wells.

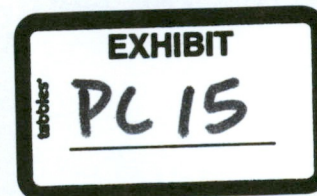
Wind is likely to provide a substantial part of that demand, so the PSC should continue to support wind development in North Dakota.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
HM Johnston

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