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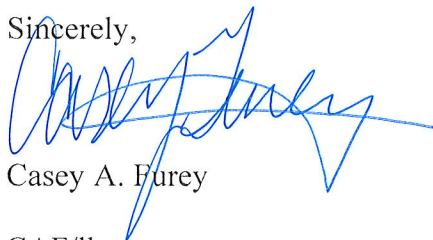
**In re: Northern Divide Wind, LLC
Northern Divide Wind Energy Center
Northern Divide 345-kV Transmission Line
Case Nos. PU-19-376 & PU-19-377
Our Matter No. 035218-000045**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

On behalf of Northern Divide Wind, LLC, please find enclosed for filing in Case Nos. PU-19-376 and PU-19-377, Northern Divide Wind, LLC's Monthly Construction Reports for July through November 2020.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Northern Divide Wind, LLC July 2020 Construction Report

Safety: The project had no recordable injuries or first aid events to report during July. Northern Divide Wind, LLC's (Northern Divide Wind) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor for the wind project, Blattner Energy, Inc. (Blattner), completed its safety week, which included demonstrations on safety topics from the different trades. The One Call system was used prior to any work that will break the surface of the ground.

Environmental: Northern Divide Wind's environmental consultant, Environmental Consulting Technology, Inc. (ECT), was on-site during July to coordinate environmental monitors. AECOM has been on site performing tree surveys and working with the tribal monitor to record any potential cultural items that may be encountered in construction areas. ECT has been monitoring the bird/nesting activities at the project site and relaying the updates to the site team. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan are being implemented. The SWPPP inspections are up to date and the SWPPP is updated with additional best management practices. Cultural and wetland areas have been roped or staked off. North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) construction inspectors, Keitu Engineers & Consultants Inc., have been on site to monitor the removal of topsoil during construction and indicated they were pleased with topsoil removal means and methods.

Civil: The civil crew has completed four (4) site excavations. Approximately 41,000 feet of access roads have been cut in.

Substation: Crews received and inventoried material; installed and backfilled conduit; laid out, excavated, installed, welded, and backfilled the ground grid for the substation; and fabricated and installed vault lids.

Transmission Line: The transmission line crews worked on right of way (ROW) access; received poles and material; hauled poles and material; poured foundations; and framed and set bases.

Collection: The plowing of collection lines has begun. Borings are almost complete.

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Northern Divide Wind, LLC August 2020 Construction Report

Safety: The project had no recordable injuries or first aid events to report during August. Northern Divide Wind, LLC's (Northern Divide Wind) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor for the transmission line, Brink Constructors, Inc. (Brink), conducted safety training, making sure that workers understand the Job Hazard Analysis (JHA), reminding them to do a 360-degree walkaround before moving equipment, and using the right tools for the job. Northern Divide Wind's EPC contractor for the wind project, Blattner Energy, Inc. (Blattner), reminded workers on using more consistent workarounds, improving radio communication in congested areas, and asking for assistance in moving heavy items. The One Call system has been used prior to any work that will break the surface of the ground.

Environmental: Project continues to avoid sensitive environmental features. Environmental Consulting Technology, Inc. (ECT) is on site full time as a dedicated environmental monitor and regularly checks on flagging environmentally sensitive areas to ensure visibility and stability. Cultural and tribal monitors have been on site regularly during ground disturbance activities. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) continues to be implemented. A dedicated SWPPP crew will be created as more crew members are brought on to the project. Concrete washouts are contained and kept tidy.

Civil: Crews have completed 60,247 square feet of string roads and excavated 36 foundations.

Foundations: Thirteen foundations have been poured.

Substation: Crews received material, excavated, installed conduits, and assembled switches.

Transmission Line: The transmission line activities included staging poles at their locations in the right of way (ROW) and clearing the ROW. Crews also set bases and framed structures.

Collection: Approximately 11,362 feet of collection lines have been installed. Bores are complete.

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Northern Divide Wind, LLC September 2020 Construction Report

Safety: The project had no recordable injuries or first aid events to report in September. Northern Divide Wind, LLC's (Northern Divide Wind) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor for the transmission line, Brink Constructors, Inc. (Brink), reminded workers to make sure everyone has reviewed the Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) and understands it, to take control of each work location, to make sure workers are tied off when near a hole or in the air, and do daily inspection of equipment and tools before using. Northern Divide Wind's EPC contractor for the wind project, Blattner Energy, Inc. (Blattner), alerted workers that new crews were coming for installation and collection and reminded workers to take time to teach others and start slow. Blattner also reminded workers to clean up sites before leaving and to engage in defense driving, especially on highways. The One Call system has been used prior to any work that will break the surface of the ground.

Environmental: A dedicated Storm Water Prevention Pollution Plan (SWPPP) crew now handles implementation of the Best Management Practices (BMP). The workforce is routinely reminded of the importance of trash management on-site during daily and weekly meetings.

Civil: Crews completed 149,958 square feet of road and excavated 35 more foundations.

Foundations: Forty-two (42) more foundations poured.

Turbines: Crews started turbine erection.

Substation: Crews received material, installed fence, and installed hook switches for the project substation.

Transmission Line: Transmission line activities included staging poles at their locations. One hundred and fifteen (115) poles have been set. Crews continued with framing and erecting poles.

Collection: Crews have installed approximately 222,854 feet of collection line.

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Northern Divide Wind, LLC October 2020 Construction Report

Safety: The project had no recordable injuries or first aid events to report during October. Northern Divide Wind, LLC's (Northern Divide Wind) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor for the transmission line, Brink Constructors, Inc. (Brink), reminded workers to ensure they are taking care of equipment in the cold, keeping straps out of the elements as much as possible, drinking plenty of water, and reviewing and understanding the Job Hazard Analysis (JHA). Northern Divide Wind's EPC contractor for the wind project, Blattner Energy, Inc. (Blattner), reminded workers about changing weather conditions and to watch for snow, slick walking and driving surfaces, ice on crane booms and blades, pinch points using torque tools, and all crane activities. Hi Plains Building Division (Hi Plains) reminded workers about winter weather advisories and taking breaks as needed to get out of cold temperatures.

Environmental: The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) continues to be implemented. Cultural and tribal monitors remain on site for earth disturbing activities; no findings were reported this month. AECOM has mobilized to begin final tree and shrub counts. North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) construction inspectors, Keitu Engineering & Consultants, Inc., made a site visit on Oct. 21, 2020.

Civil: String roads are cut in and complete. The civil crew excavated the last three (3) foundations. The aircraft detection lighting system (ADLS) radar tower was installed.

Foundations: Crews poured the last 19 foundations.

Turbines: Forty-three (43) turbines are now completely erected.

Substation: The substation is 95% complete.

Transmission Line: Transmission line crews continue to frame and set poles and install anchors.

Collection: Crews have completed installation of collection lines. Approximately 347,818 feet of collection line have been installed.

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Safety: The project had no recordable injuries or first aid events to report in November. Northern Divide Wind, LLC's (Northern Divide Wind) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor for the transmission line, Brink Constructors, Inc. (Brink), reminded workers to be aware of what is going on around them, to ensure public safety when pulling wire or working near roads, to know when weather conditions become unsafe, and to be cautious when driving on icy or snowy roads. If someone gets stuck, ask for help before making it worse. Northern Divide Wind's EPC contractor for the wind project, Blattner Energy, Inc. (Blattner), reminded workers to be aware of icy surfaces, use caution when walking and climbing into equipment, be aware of ice on blades and crane booms, perform quality site evaluations, and communicate when temperatures rise. Blattner reminded workers to use spotters within 25 feet of components and handwork only three feet from PMTs, and to ensure good load securement with conditions. Hi Plains Building Division (Hi Plains) reminded workers of safety issues when working around heavy equipment, to use spotters when backing up a truck, and to have a man in charge of safety as concrete is poured. Hi Plains reminded workers to beware of cold temperatures, to wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and dress for the weather.

Environmental: North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) construction inspectors, Keitu Engineering & Consultants, Inc., made a site visit on Nov. 12, 2020. The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) continues to be implemented, and reclamation has been initiated. Cultural and tribal monitors remain on site for earth-disturbing activities. AECOM continued to perform tree and shrub counts.

Civil: Complete until spring 2021

Foundations: Complete

Turbines: Thirty (30) more turbines were fully erected.

Substation: Substation is 99% done.

Transmission Line: Transmission line crews continued pulling conductor with three different crews and are approximately 75% complete.

Collection: Complete