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*Via Electronic Mail*

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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 Report for December 2020.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Casey A. Furey

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Northern Divide Wind, LLC

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern Divide Wind, LLC  
Northern Divide Wind Energy Center  
Burke County**

**Case No. PU-19-376**

**Northern Divide Wind, LLC  
Northern Divide 230 kV Transmission Line  
Burke and Mountrail County**

**Case No. PU-19-377**

**Northern Divide Wind, LLC December 2020 Construction Report**

Safety: The One Call system has been used prior to any work that will break the surface of the ground.

The project had an OSHA recordable incident on the transmission line construction on December 17, 2020. An employee of Northern Divide Wind, LLC's (Northern Divide Wind) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction contractor, Brink Constructors, Inc. (Brink), was in the process of loading poles onto a pole trailer when one of poles slipped and struck the employee in the leg. The employee was treated by local EMS personnel. This was the only OSHA recordable incident on the project. In response, Northern Divide Wind and Brink reviewed the incident to determine its cause and to continue to train employees on proper pole loading procedures to prevent future incidents from reoccurring.

To reemphasize the importance of safety during construction work, Brink reminded workers that the project is nearing completion and the holidays are coming, so emphasized safety and ensuring workers are focused on the task at hand. Brink also reminded workers to make sure they are completely finished before leaving a structure. Hi Plains Building Division (Hi Plains) reminded workers of winter weather and to ensure they are dressing appropriately for the task and weather, are staying warm, and planning tasks to ensure worker safety.

Environmental: All remaining work regarding the maintenance of roads and best management practices (BMPs) will be performed during spring 2021 due to freezing weather in the Project Area. At that point, Northern Divide Wind's contractor will return and resume work. AECOM has finalized tree and shrub counts, and Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc. (ECT) has started to reach out to landowners to coordinate re-planting and inventory needs.

Turbines: All 74 turbines have been erected. A process of commissioning, reliability testing, and final turnover to NextEra operations is underway for the turbines. Turbine commissioning and reliability testing commenced in late December, which is ongoing and is expected to be completed in January before turbine manufacturer General Electric (GE) fully turns the wind site over to Northern Divide Wind for operational status. In accordance with North Dakota Administrative Code sec. 69-06-11-02(5), Northern Divide Wind hereby notifies the Commission that it has implemented the aircraft detection lighting system (ADLS) at the wind

project in compliance with N.D. Admin. Code Ch. 69-06-11. Northern Divide Wind and its ADLS vendor will continue fine-tuning and optimizing ADLS performance.

Civil: Final road and reclamation work will be conducted in the spring of 2021.

O&M Building is almost complete. Any reclamation will be completed in the spring.

Substation: The project substation was completed on December 5, 2020 and energized on December 18, 2020. All collection feeders have been energized, and commissioning and testing is ongoing. Reclamation will be completed in the spring.

Transmission Line: The transmission line activities included pulling the last conductor. T-line was completed on December 17, 2020 and energized that day.