

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart

From: Brian Johnson

Date: November 30, 2022

Bowman Wind, LLC
208.7 MW Bowman Wind Project – Bowman County
Siting Application

PU-21-121

Re: November 22 meeting between Apex and NDGG

During the last work session on the Bowman Wind Project the Commission had asked that the company provide that all issues raised by the ND Game and Fish were resolved in the final project layout regarding tower locations. Apex set an in person meeting with NDGF.

Advocacy Staff reached out to Apex and asked if staff could attend the meeting as an observer.

Apex met with the NDGF on November 22, 2022, advocacy staff attended the meeting but did not participate.

During the meeting Apex agreed to remove the two turbines within the Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Area.

Discussion was had regarding three additional towers which are on the very edge of the Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Area. No agreement to remove or move those towers were reached.

Game and Fish stated they object to the three towers on the edge of the conservation area as it is within its boundaries. Apex disagreed that the towers were infringing on an active Lek and did not feel moving the three towers is necessary.

The meeting ended and an update from Apex regarding the discussion should be filed soon.