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Re: Public Input on Case # PU-21-375

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Task Force 21 (TF 21) in Minot. TF 21 recommends the Commission approve the request of Basin Electric Cooperative for a waiver of the aircraft detection lighting system at Prairie Winds ND1 south of Minot.

We believe the waiver is prudent because the Air Force has a legitimate security concern. They need to fly helicopters in and out of the missile fields located within the footprint of the wind farm and this type of lighting system would alert an enemy when military aircraft are approaching or near.

TF 21, an activity of the Minot Area Chamber EDC, was formed in the 1990s to help retain the Minot Air Force Base during the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) rounds of the 1990s and early 2000s. TF 21 actively advocates for policies that will help retain the Minot Air Force Base and its mission. We believe denying this waiver will weaken the base's position relative to other missile bases if there is ever another BRAC round.

Let me know if you have any questions or would like some more information about TF 21 and its activities.

Sincerely,

Mark Jantzer, Chairman, TF 21

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