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## **Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC Letter in Support of the Application**



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North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: Letter in Support of the Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Dickinson Renewable Diesel Facility Wind Turbine Project**

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC (DPR) writes this letter in support of OEE XXXI LLC's (OE 31) application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Dickinson Renewable Diesel Facility Wind Turbine Project (Project). DPR, a subsidiary of Marathon Petroleum Corporation (Marathon), owns the Dickinson Renewable Diesel Facility (Facility) through Marathon's 2019 acquisition of Andeavor.

We submit the following information in support of the application:

1. The Project will be located on land owned by DPR in Stark County, North Dakota and will directly power the Facility.
2. The Facility was originally constructed as a traditional fossil fuel refinery and commenced operation in 2015. The fossil fuel economics of the Facility proved unsustainable and DPR was acquired by Marathon in 2018. Marathon invested \$500 million to convert the Facility to a renewable diesel facility in 2019. The Facility began producing renewable diesel in November 2020 and is currently the second largest operating renewable diesel facility in the United States.
3. As a renewable diesel facility, the Facility now processes nearly 4.5 million acres worth of agricultural feedstocks including, but not limited to, corn oil and soy oil each year. The fuels produced by this Facility are valued by their low carbon intensity (CI). Thus, as a renewable diesel facility it is imperative to continue to drive down CI to stay competitive.
4. To further lower the carbon intensity of the liquid fuels produced by the Facility, DPR made the decision to develop on-site renewable energy at the Facility. DPR ran a competitive bid process for both wind and solar options. Ultimately, DPR chose One Energy Enterprises LLC (One Energy), the parent company of OE 31, to install, own, and operate a wind energy project at the Facility because it proved to be the most economical and feasible clean energy solution.
5. One Energy has been operating a 1.5 MW wind energy project for Marathon at a pipeline pump station in Harpster, Ohio since 2016. That project has operated safely and without any material quality or performance issues. The years of experience that Marathon has with One Energy at the Harpster project helped inform DPR's selection of One Energy for this Project.



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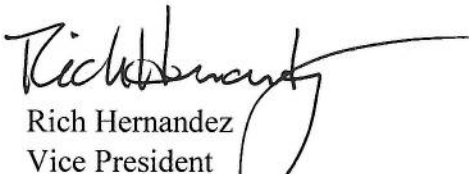
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6. DPR chose not to own or operate the Project because the construction and operation of wind energy is not a core competency of DPR. The Project, is, however, being developed because it will add significant value for the Facility in both lower CI and long-term-fixed rate energy.
7. DPR has entered into a 20-year Renewable Energy Agreement with OE 31 to construct, own, and operate the Project.
8. The Project will be installed on DPR's property and has been designed so that nearly all of the energy produced will be consumed on-site by the Facility.
9. DPR's engineering team will supervise and oversee the Project design, construction, and operation, just as Marathon does with all major construction projects at its facilities.
10. DPR has reviewed the entire application being submitted by OE 31 and is supportive of the application.

In conclusion, DPR offers its strongest endorsement of the Project and requests that the Commission approve a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Project.

Respectfully,



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Vice President  
Dakota Prairie Refining, LLC