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Via Electronic Mail & Hand Delivery

Mr. Steve Kahl
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**In re: Notice of Closing
 Ashtabula Wind III, LLC
 Joint Transfer Application – Certificate of Site Compatibility
 Case No. PU-22-195
 Our File No. 035218-000075**

**Decommissioning
Ashtabula Wind III, LLC
Case No. PU-11-171
Our File No. 035218-000023**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

I am writing on behalf of Ashtabula Wind III, LLC regarding the above-referenced matters. Please find enclosed five copies of this letter for filing in Case Nos. PU-22-195 and PU-11-171.

On May 16, 2022, Ashtabula Wind III, LLC (“Ashtabula Wind III”) and Otter Tail Power Company (“Otter Tail”) filed a Joint Application for Transfer of Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 17 (the “Application”) for the Ashtabula III Wind Energy Center (“Ashtabula III WEC”) from Ashtabula Wind III to Otter Tail. Case No. PU-22-195, Docket No. 1. On August 17, 2022, the Commission approved a motion issuing Otter Tail the requested certificate. Case No. PU-22-195, Docket No. 15. The Application provided Ashtabula Wind III would notify the Commission upon the closing of the purchase and sale agreement referenced in the Application. In accordance with this commitment, Ashtabula Wind III provides notice that the transaction between the parties has closed.

As a result of the above transfer, Otter Tail filed a new decommissioning financial assurance for the Ashtabula III WEC. Case No. PU-11-171, Docket No. 24. On November 10, 2022, the Commission issued a motion approving Otter Tail’s financial assurance. Case No. PU-11-171,

Docket No. 26. Because the Commission has accepted a new financial assurance, Ashtabula Wind III respectfully requests the Commission issue an acknowledgment and release of Ashtabula Wind III's prior decommissioning financial assurance for the Ashtabula III WEC filed on December 22, 2020, in Case No. PU-11-171 as Docket No. 18.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey A. Furey

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