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## Via Electronic Mail & U.S. Mail

Mr. Steve Kahl North Dakota Public Service Commission 600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 ndpsc@nd.gov

In re: Oliver Wind IV, LLC

Oliver Wind IV Wind Energy Center – Oliver County

Siting Application Case No. PU-23-317 OAH File No. 20230356 Our File No. 035218-000083

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Oliver Wind IV, LLC ("Oliver Wind IV") files this letter in response to the letter from the United States National Park Service ("NPS") submitted in this docket on April 8, 2024. In its letter, NPS notes that it consulted with Oliver Wind IV during the development of the Oliver Wind IV Wind Energy Center (the "Project"), that Oliver Wind IV provided NPS with results of a viewshed analysis, and that Oliver Wind IV is implementing several design considerations related to viewshed. In its letter, NPS requests that the Commission require Oliver Wind IV to implement two additional design considerations: (1) locate any additional wind turbines associated with this project at least 12 miles from the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site; and (2) limit the height of each turbine's tower hub to 400 feet.

In response to these requests, Oliver Wind IV confirms the following:

- (1) All possible turbine locations have been explicitly identified on the map provided to NPS and no additional turbines associated with the Oliver Wind IV Wind Energy Center will be located within 12 miles of the Knife River Indian Villages Historic Site, consistent with NPS's recommendation; and
- (2) The tallest wind turbine that Oliver Wind IV plans to utilize for the Project will have a maximum hub height of 295 feet, well below NPS's recommendation of a maximum 400 foot turbine hub height.

Accordingly, Oliver Wind IV's existing Project design already conforms to NPS's requested design considerations and no modifications of the Project are required to address NPS's recommendations.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey A. Furey

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