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## Via Hand Delivery & Electronic Mail

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In re: Oliver Wind IV, LLC

Oliver Wind IV Wind Energy Center - Oliver County

Oliver Wind IV 345-kV Transmission Line - Oliver & Mercer Counties

Siting Applications

Case Nos. PU-23-317 & PU-23-318

Our File No. 035218-000083

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matters, please find eight copies of Oliver Wind IV, LLC's Monthly Construction Report – August 2024.

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

Sincerely,

Casey A. Furey

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## Oliver Wind IV, LLC Monthly Construction Report – August 2024

Oliver Wind IV, LLC (Oliver Wind IV) submits the following construction report for August 2024.

<u>Safety</u>: Oliver Wind IV's Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractors, Blattner Energy (Blattner) and Brink Constructors, Inc. (Brink), are continuing to emphasize safety in daily safety meetings. These meetings have focused on proper planning, hazard mitigation, hydration, and preventing environmental injuries, particularly from exposure to poisonous vegetation, bacteria, and viruses, including discussion of preventive measures and first aid treatments.

Environmental: In August, Oliver Wind IV's crews are continuing to maintain and install stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) measures where they are needed. Crews have also been installing collection lines. To ensure proper avoidance of the DASK habitat areas, Oliver Wind IV installed fencing with T-posts and rope. Oliver Wind IV also conducted collection line boring activities underneath wetlands. Matting was installed throughout the transmission line route where construction access crosses delineated wetlands. Onsite monitoring from tribal and archaeological monitors has been conducted at locations of hand clearing, mulching, and mowing, as well as at locations of drilling and pole construction when in proximity to culturally sensitive areas along the length of the transmission line. Weekly monitoring of cultural and wildlife constraints fencing in areas where activities are occurring or planned to occur in the near future. Watering crews continue to water roads daily as needed, depending on weather conditions.

<u>Foundations</u>: On the Wind Project, all foundation activities are now complete. Remaining foundation crew members are bringing equipment and materials to the yard and will demobilize during the beginning of September. On the Transmission Project, Oliver Wind IV's EPC contractor, Brink, began drilled shaft foundations at transmission structures 118-120, and began constructing structures 18, 22, and 23. Brink also continued drilling direct embedded structures.

<u>Civil</u>: On the Wind Project, civil crews are continuing on gravel rings and reclamation activities following tower walkdowns, as well as placing gravel on remaining string roads. On the Transmission Project, Brink is hand clearing around structures 97-98, mechanically clearing around structures 102-104, and performing maintenance at the pad for structure 104.

Collection: Collection crews are continuing with bores and plowing.

<u>Turbines</u>: On the Wind Project, of 73 total wind turbines, Blattner's crews have installed 17 turbine bases, 16 turbine mid-sections, 11 turbine tops, 11 nacelles, and 11 rotors. Seven turbines are now mechanically complete.

<u>Substation</u>: Brink is installing the H-frames at the substation site, beginning construction of the bus, starting jumpers on the flexible bus, and pulling the vacuum and testing the transformer. The control building is also being commissioned.

<u>Transmission Line</u>: On the Transmission Project, of 126 transmission line structures, 40 structures have been erected.