

Case Number: PU-23-318

Case Description: Oliver Wind IV, LLC 345-kV Transmission Line-Oliver & Mercer

Analyst Initials: RF

Original Dollar Value of Investment in ND	45,000,000.00
Application Investment Amount in ND	[REDACTED]
<b>Total Investment</b>	<b><u>45,000,000.00</u></b>

Note: Email from company or docketed case files must be attached as support for Total Investment Amount

Siting Application Fee	100,000.00
Siting Admin Fee*	9,000.00
<b>Total Fees Due</b>	<b><u>109,000.00</u></b>

PSC Accounting use only:

7800 - 301 - 420260 JE:  
1400 - 510 - 464160 JE: 2404930

*\* Additional \$400.00  
Admin fee only. @*

**Siting Admin Fee:**

- \* For new or transfer siting applications only. Not amendments.
- \*Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, \$200 for each \$1 million of original investment, not to exceed \$50,000

**Siting Application Fee:**

- Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For a certificate of site compatibility, \$500 for each \$1 M of investment in the facility. Not less than \$10k or more than \$100k.
- Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For a certificate of corridor compatibility, \$5,000 for each \$1 M of investment in the facility. Not less than \$10k or more than \$100k.
- Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For an amendment, amount to be determined by commission to cover expenses, discuss with PUD Director.
- Excess Application Fee is refundable.

This form will be docketed in the case file after funds have been deposited by PSC Accounting.

1 line located in Oliver County. The applications were presented to the Oliver County  
2 Planning & Zoning Board in a public hearing on November 16, 2023. On November 16,  
3 2023, the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval of the  
4 applications to the Oliver County Commissioners in a 4-0 vote, and the Oliver County  
5 Commissioners approved both CUP applications in a 3-0 vote on December 7, 2023  
6 (Exhibit 3).

7 With respect to the approximately nine miles of the Transmission Project located  
8 in Mercer County, Oliver Wind IV presented a CUP to the Mercer County Planning &  
9 Zoning Board on October 19, 2023. The Mercer County Planning & Zoning Board  
10 recommended approval of the application to the Mercer County Board of Commissioners  
11 on October 19, 2023 in a 5-0 vote. The Mercer County Board of Commissioners approved  
12 the CUP application in a 5-0 vote on November 1, 2023 (Exhibit 4).

13 **Q15. Please explain the need for the Projects.**

14 A. Oliver Wind IV has entered into two 15-year power purchase agreements (“PPA”) with  
15 Verizon Communications, Inc. for the full 200 MW output of the Wind Project.

16 **Q16. What are the Projects’ estimated costs?**

17 A. The Wind Project is estimated to cost approximately \$345 million, and the Transmission  
18 Project is estimated to cost approximately \$45 million.

19 **Q17. Please describe the Wind Project’s electrical collection system and collection  
20 substation.**

21 A. The power from the wind turbines will be run through an underground 34.5 kV collection  
22 system consisting of various sized cables. Collection lines will be buried 48 inches deep  
23 and will not affect farming operations or other surface uses of the land during operations  
24 of the Wind Project. The collection system has been designed to minimize temporary and  
25 permanent environmental impacts. All the collection system cables will terminate at the  
26 proposed Wind Project collection substation. The Wind Project collection substation will  
27 include power transformers to step up the voltage from 34.5 kV to 345 kV.

January 19, 2024

*Via Hand Delivery & Electronic Mail*

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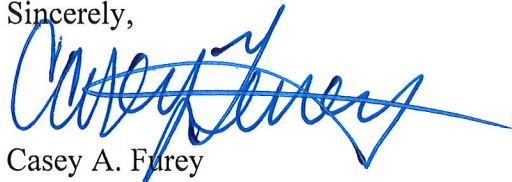
In re: Oliver Wind IV, LLC  
Oliver Wind IV 345-kV Transmission Line - Oliver & Mercer Counties  
Siting Application  
Case No. PU-23-318  
OAH File No. 20230357  
Our File No. 035218-000083

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for filing please find a check in the amount of \$400.00 for the additional amount due to the Commission for administrative fees as set forth under North Dakota Century Code Section 49-22-22(4). The additional fees are associated with an update to the project's anticipated costs as set forth in the Prefiled Testimony of Clay Cameron (Docket No. 22).

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

Sincerely,



Casey A. Furey

CAF/lh  
Enc.

cc:	ALJ Timothy Dawson (via email)	Kevin Pranis (via email)
	Brian Johnson (via email)	Tracy Davis (via email)
	Robert Frank (via email)	Erik Edison (via email)

## **Bauske, Shelly A.**

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**From:** Frank, Robert M.  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2024 9:35 AM  
**To:** Bauske, Shelly A.  
**Subject:** PU-23-318 345-kV Transmission Line - Oliver & Mercer Project Cost Update  
**Attachments:** 23-318 Siting Fee\_Update\_1\_19\_2024.xlsx; PU-23-318 Cost of Transmission Project Update from Prefile Testimony of Clay Cameron 1\_17\_2024.pdf

Shelly,

Attached is the information for the cost update for PU-23-318, 345-kV Transmission Line - Oliver & Mercer. The difference from the original is an increase of \$400 in the siting admin fee (\$9,000 vs \$8,600).

Thanks,  
Rob

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