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Ms. Smith and Mr. Pranis,

After the hearing in Wishek ALJ Dawson was provided with written testimony from a Karen and Lyle Bettenhausen which is attached.

It is the intent of the Commission to treat this as testimony, and it will be included as part of the record. If either party objects to this written testimony as being included as part of the record the Commission requests that the party objecting do so by written notice within 10 days of service.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Johnson", written over a horizontal line.

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To the North Dakota Public Service Commissioners,

A utility-scale wind project can help transform local economies, which enhances the quality of life and opportunities in host communities.

The 250 MW Badger Wind Farm will have the capability to power nearly 90,000 homes over the course of the year, which will help meet the energy needs of North Dakota by providing reliable and flexible home-grown electricity. Orsted, a leading developer of wind and solar projects across the United States and globally, will construct, own, and operate the project.

The project is a long-term asset for Logan and McIntosh Counties. The Badger Wind Farm will inject a significant amount of new revenue into the tax base, which will promote local economic development in both counties. The project will also provide tens of millions of dollars of financial support for project landowners, the Wishek #19 and Napoleon #2 school districts, the Wishek Rural and Napoleon fire districts, the Wishek Rural and Napoleon ambulances, and Logan and McIntosh Counties. Over the construction cycle, the Badger Wind Farm will create up to 400 construction and installation jobs, supporting the local workforce and stimulating the local economy.

Please consider this letter as evidence of my support for the Badger Wind Farm and the economic and benefits it will provide to Logan and McIntosh Counties.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karen Bettenhausen

Lyle J Bettenhausen

Hearing Glenn Herr's testimony, we want to note that Jeremy Herr, Glenn's son, is the farmstead owner, which he bought from us and farms our land. Jeremy was aware ^{of us} & told we had wind contract prior to buying the farmstead, since then we have spoken to him at length, asked him if he approved of us having wind towers, and he affirmed ⁱⁿ favor of us doing that, and approving of wind towers on the quarter where his homestead ^(over) is.

You may phone me ^(Karen) @ 701-214-9609, or Lyle
at 701-989-5448. We are here today.

Laura Breen
Lyle S. Bettenhausen