

Case Number: PU-24-371

Case Description: Northern Divide Energy Storage - Burke County

Analyst Initials: LCC

Original Dollar Value of Investment in ND	-
Application Investment Amount in ND	128,600,000.00
Total Investment	128,600,000.00

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

Siting Application Fee	64,300.00	PSC Accounting use only:	
Siting Admin Fee*	25,720.00	7800 - 301 - 420260 JE:	<u>2572543</u>
Total Fees Due	90,020.00	1400 - 510 - 464160 JE:	<u>2572543</u>

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. 

TABLE 2.5-1		
Factors to be Considered		
Consideration	Evaluation	Section Addressed
k. Problems raised by federal agencies, other state agencies, and local entities.	As part of development of the Project, Northern Divide Energy Storage and its representatives have maintained close coordination with federal agencies, state agencies, and local entities through a combination of in-person meetings, emails, mailers, and phone calls. Correspondence with federal agencies, other state agencies, and local entities are summarized in Section 7.0 and Appendix E includes copies of the correspondence.	7.0, Appendix E

2.6 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION LIMITATIONS

The Project will be designed and constructed in accordance with industry standards and regulatory requirements, ensuring safety, efficiency, and environmental compliance. Design considerations will include factors such as capacity, voltage requirements, integration with the existing grid infrastructure, and safety features, such as fire protection systems and emergency shutdown protocols. Construction limitations will be managed through planning, adhering to construction schedules, and quality control measures to ensure that the Project meets all specified design criteria and operational expectations.

2.7 ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

Economics were considered when selecting a location for the Project. The Project will create approximately one to two full-time O&M jobs. These employees are expected to reside locally. Additionally, the Project will create approximately 100 temporary construction jobs during the approximately six-month construction period, with the number of workers on-site at any given time varying depending on the phase of construction.

The estimated total cost of the Project is approximately \$128.6 million.

2.8 COUNTY CRITERIA

Northern Divide Energy Storage is committed to transparency and community involvement. Consistent with this commitment, Northern Divide Energy Storage has conducted meetings with the Burke County Planning and Zoning Department and County Commission to provide comprehensive updates on the Project's progress. Northern Divide Energy Storage is prioritizing close coordination with Burke County throughout development.

Northern Divide Energy Storage gave a presentation about the Project to the Burke County Planning and Zoning Board and the Burke County Commissioners on February 21, 2023, and, again, on May 21, 2024. On August 29, 2024, Northern Divide Energy Storage met with the Burke County Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss various topics, including development, permitting, economics, environmental and safety concerns, employment, community involvement, zoning ordinances, public education, and the Conditional Use Permit. Northern Divide Energy Storage regularly attended meetings with Burke County in November 2024 through March 2025 to discuss amendments to the Burke County Zoning Regulations. Northern Divide Energy Storage will continue to meet with county officials as the Project moves forward for any necessary local construction permits.

August 29, 2025

Via Hand Delivery & Electronic Mail

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

In re: Northern Divide Energy Storage, LLC
Northern Divide Energy Storage Project – Burke County
Amended Siting Application
Case No. PU-24-371

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for filing please find the following:

- 1) Northern Divide Energy Storage, LLC's Amended Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility in Burke County, North Dakota (8 copies). The Amended Application supersedes and replaces the prior application filed by Northern Divide Energy Storage, LLC on November 19, 2024, filed as Docket No. 1.
- 2) NextEra Energy Resources Development LLC's check in the amount of \$90,020.00 comprised of \$64,300.00 for the Commission's filing fee set forth under N.D.C.C. § 49-22-22(1)(a), and \$25,720.00 for the administrative fee under N.D.C.C. § 49-22-22(4). The current estimated cost of project investment is estimated to be \$128,600,000.00.
- 3) Publication Map (8 copies).

We are also enclosing a USB containing project GIS and an electronic version of the application for your convenience.

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

Sincerely,



Casey A. Furey