



November 18, 2025

ND Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Subject: Proposed Northern Divide Energy Storage Facility in Burke County, North Dakota

Mr. Kahl,

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department (Department) believes the development of responsible and efficient clean energy can be beneficial to both the residents of the state and the wildlife. The addition of battery storage to increase the deliverability and reliability of an existing infrastructure is a promising next step in ensuring projects remain efficient and effective at meeting increased demands. However, as this is a newer technology in general, and new to the state, it is important that due diligence is taken.

As such, we appreciate NextEra's commitment to coordinating with the Department during the planning process. They have addressed our concerns for rare, declining, and at-risk wildlife by selecting a site which will have minimal impacts, ensuring the project will have appropriate plans in place (i.e. safety plan, recycling plan, weed plan, etc.), utilizing appropriate seed mixes, and reducing lighting. We are encouraged to see plans to increase the efficiency of existing energy projects with such minimal additional impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Conservation and Communications Division

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