



December 23, 2025

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Attn: **Docket No. PU-24-371**
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Commissioners:

On behalf of the Greater North Dakota Chamber, I am writing to express our support for the application submitted by **Northern Divide Energy Storage, LLC**, a NextEra Energy affiliate, for the proposed **Burke County Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)**.

The Greater North Dakota Chamber represents businesses of all sizes and sectors across the state. Our mission is to promote a strong, competitive business climate and encourage private-sector investment that supports long-term economic growth in communities throughout North Dakota. Projects like the Burke County BESS align squarely with those goals.

As North Dakota's energy sector continues to evolve, energy storage has become an increasingly important component of maintaining system reliability and market competitiveness. Battery energy storage enhances the value of existing generation resources, improves grid flexibility, and supports orderly and efficient delivery of power to regional markets. The Burke County project reflects a practical, forward-looking investment that strengthens North Dakota's position as a leader in energy development.

From an economic perspective, the proposed project delivers meaningful benefits for Burke County and the surrounding region, including new private capital investment, construction activity, and long-term additions to the local tax base. These investments help support county services, infrastructure, and the overall stability of rural communities.

North Dakota has long demonstrated that responsible energy development and economic growth go hand in hand. The Burke County BESS project continues that tradition by pairing modern infrastructure with local economic opportunity while ensuring energy needs are met in a reliable and efficient manner.

For these reasons, the Greater North Dakota Chamber supports approval of the Burke County Battery Energy Storage System under **Docket No. PU-24-371**. We appreciate the Commission's careful review of this application and its continued commitment to policies that support a strong and resilient energy and business environment in North Dakota.

Sincerely,

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Arik Spencer
President & CEO

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Letter in Support of Northern Divide Energy
Storage's Application
Greater North Dakota Chamber
Arik Spencer, President & CEO