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Via Electronic Mail & U.S. Mail

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

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find eight copies of the Monthly Construction Report for July 2026.

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

Sincerely,



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Monthly Construction Report - July 2026

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Northern Divide Energy Storage, LLC
Northern Divide Energy Storage
Burke County**

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Northern Divide Energy Storage, LLC Monthly Construction Report – July 2026

Northern Divide Energy Storage, LLC (Northern Divide Energy Storage) submits the following construction report for July 2026.

Safety: Northern Divide Energy Storage's Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractors, Michels Power (MPI) and Michels Underground Cable (MUCI), and subcontractor, Tri-State, are continuing to emphasize safety at daily all hands meetings. These meetings are currently emphasizing focus on close proximity work around equipment (utilizing spotters). In addition to last month's safety comments, battery and inverter deliveries started June 28 and there has been heightened communication on maintaining red-barricaded areas. Discussions include maintaining focus on warmer temperatures and staying hydrated, eating properly and wearing the proper clothing.

Environmental: Crews are performing routine stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) inspections and any necessary remediation according to the SWPPP permit for the project. Topsoil stockpile locations have signs installed to bring awareness to crews, so soils are not mixed. The topsoil stockpile locations have been seeded with temp seeding, and the retention pond and the north side of the project have had permanent seeding planted. The remainder of the permanent seeding will take place when the site dries out, and the equipment can safely access the areas, which is expected to occur in July. MUCI has a licensed and county-approved herbicide spraying company coming to site on 7/28/26 to address noxious weeds. The project site was inspected by a representative from SEH of North Dakota, Inc. (SEH), the Commission's construction inspector, the week of July 20.

Foundations: Pile driving activities have started in the southeast section of the project site, approximately 25% of all piles have been installed so far in May. Surveying has been completed for the remaining pile locations on the northern half of the project site. Pile driving activities have been completed and approximately 60% of the battery pile caps have been welded on and inspected by a third-party special inspector. Approximately 25% of the inverter pile caps have been bolted on as well. All of the piles have been driven, and the pile cap installation is ongoing. Foundation work for the substation started the end of July.

Civil: The entire battery energy storage system (BESS) pad and roads have had topsoil stripped and stockpiled. The BESS pad and roads have been built, and the retention pond is approximately 90% complete. The laydown yard has had the topsoil stripped and stockpiled and road base has been put down on subsoil in preparation for office trailers and employee parking. All of the south section of conduit trenching has been completed and backfilled and approximately 80% of the

north section of conduit trenching has been excavated. All the trenching for underground conduit and grounding internal to the BESS yard is complete and 99% backfilled. 85% of all yard rock has been installed across the site. Topsoil has been stripped for the MV feeder cables along the north and east side of the project and only the southeast section remains to be stripped back to the substation.

Electrical: The south section of the BESS yard conduits for batteries and inverters has all been installed and backfilled, the ground grid has been installed as well. The southeast side of the north section has conduit being installed for batteries and inverters, and the crews are continuing to install conduits towards the north and west. There are currently eight battery containers installed along the south section of the project and one inverter. Battery and inverter setting activities will continue throughout the rest of June and finish in July. All of the underground raceway and underground grounding has been installed inside of the BESS yard. AC and DC cable pulls have started across the site and DC cable terminations started in 13D1 area between inverters and batteries.

Collection: Some topsoil stripping has taken place as noted in the civil section and cable installation is expected to start in early August.

Equipment: All of the inverters will be on site this month and approximately 50% of the batteries as well. The auxiliary transformers, and substation equipment/structures have been delivered to site also.