

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Telecommunications and Information Administration Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. B. Benjamin Evans, P.E. Evans Engineering Solutions, LLC 524 Alta Loma Drive Thiensville, WI 53092

Re:

Prevailing Wind Project, Revision 1: Bon Homme, Charles Mix & Hutchinson

Counties, SD

Dear Mr. Evans:

In response to your request on April 4, 2018, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration provided to the federal agencies represented in the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee (IRAC) the plans for the Prevailing Wind Project, Revision 1, located in Bon Homme, Charles Mix, and Hutchinson Counties, South Dakota.

After a 45+ day period of review, one Federal agency, the Department of Energy (DOE), identified concerns regarding blockage of their radio frequency transmissions. Energy's concerns are noted here:

> This project has the potential to affect operations of the DOE Western Area Power Administration, and turbine location data will be necessary for mitigation purposes. Energy requests that the developer coordinate directly with our Western Spectrum Program Manager:

Scott E. Johnson, Sr. Telecom Engineer/Spectrum Program Manager US Dept. of Energy, Western Area Power Admin Headquarters, P. O. Box 281213, Lakewood, Colorado 80228-8213

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While the other IRAC agencies did not identify any concerns regarding radio frequency blockage, this does not eliminate the need for the wind energy facilities to meet any other requirements specified by law related to these agencies. For example, this review by the IRAC does not eliminate any need that may exist to coordinate with the Federal Aviation Administration concerning flight obstruction.

Thank you for the opportunity to review these proposals.

Peter A. Tenhula

Deputy Associate Administrator Office of Spectrum Management