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Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
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RE: EL18-053, *In re Deuel Harvest Wind*

Ms. Van Gerpen,

This letter is to inform the Commission and interested parties of Staff's support for the approval of Eric Munz as the public liaison officer for the Deuel Harvest North Wind Farm Project. On September 10, 2019, Applicant filed a letter requesting approval of Eric Munz as the public liaison officer pursuant to Condition 33 of its permit.

In other wind farm projects, the public liaison has proved a valuable tool to quickly address a wide range of issues, such as accommodating landowner requests for access road locations, responding to questions about traffic, arranging in-person meetings with non-participants to keep them informed, and answering general questions. Staff has worked with Mr. Munz in his capacity as the public liaison officer for the Dakota Access Pipeline over the last few years and has a great deal of faith in his ability to act without bias and to respond quickly to all concerns that may be brought to his attention. We look forward to continuing to work with Mr. Munz for the benefit of the residents in the Project area.

Sincerely,

Kristen N. Edwards  
Staff Attorney