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Landowner Name Landowner Mailing Address

## By Certified Mail/RRR No.

Re: Willow Creek Wind Farm – Quarterly Newsletter Q3 2018

Dear Landowner,

We are pleased to be sending you the first quarterly update related to the Willow Creek Wind Farm in Butte County, South Dakota!

Last quarter, Pattern held two successful local events in Newell and we are thankful for the folks that came out to talk, ask questions and learn more about the current status of the project. The first event was a participating landowner dinner held in downtown Newell on the evening of May 22. The second event was a community breakfast also held in Newell on the morning of May 23. Both events were well attended and we appreciated the lively discussion and the opportunity for the community to learn more about our company. We intend to continue to host these local events as we progress the project closer and closer to construction.

A recent positive development on the project is that we have given the Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA") approval to begin design and engineering work on the transmission line that passes through the project site. This is an indication that we have a high level of confidence that on-site construction will begin in late 2018 or early 2019. However, we still have several items that need to be finished and/or approved before we officially begin construction.

One main item that is outstanding is that we have asked WAPA for their concurrence in allowing a few design changes to the project. We have proposed these changes in order to reflect more modern wind turbine technology that provide the benefits to be able to make the project successful in being built. These proposed changes include:

- Larger turbines the newly-proposed turbines may be up to 499 feet in total height and up to 2.75 megawatts each versus the previous design of 440 feet in total height and 2.3 megawatts each. We have received approval from the Federal Aviation Administration as well as the South Dakota Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Division to allow this increase in height; and
- Revised access road layout the previous access road design was not optimized and included significantly more linear feet of road to be installed so we have proposed designs that reduce the number of linear feet of road while keeping permanent environmental impacts the same or less; and

- Revised electrical collection system the previous electrical collection system design was not optimized for the characteristics of the site so we have proposed designs that are optimized while keeping permanent environmental impacts the same or less; and
- Re-located Operations and Maintenance ("O&M") building the previous proposal contemplated an O&M building that would be located on the north side of the project away from Highway 212. We have proposed a new location right off of Highway 212 near the substation allowing for easier site access.

## If you have questions or concerns about these proposed changes or any other general questions about the proposed project, please reach out to me directly at 415-670-5110 or at my email below.

In the meantime, we will continue to work hard on advancing the Willow Creek Wind Farm towards construction and operations and we will be in touch again soon via newsletter or at the next local event.

Sincerely,

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