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Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Patricia Van Gerpen, Exec. Director
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RE: In the Matter of the Application by North Bend Wind Project, LLC for a Permit to Construct and Operate the North Bend Wind Project in Hyde County and Hughes County, South Dakota – PUC Docket: EL21-018
MAGT File: 7900

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

I write today regarding the Aircraft Detection Lighting System (“ADLS”) for the North Bend Wind Project. This letter continues the Project’s commitment to provide biweekly progress updates in the docket until such time as sensor control of the turbine lights is established.

I am pleased to report that the lighting system firmware fix referred to in previous updates has successfully addressed the underlying issues with the Project’s FAA lighting. ADLS sensor control is now fully operational on sixty-five lights. Six of the Project’s turbine lights are still operating in default mode. Four will require technicians to power cycle the FAA light’s communication card inside the turbine before the new firmware update can be deployed. The other two lights have already received firmware updates, but will require addressing component faults before the lights can be controlled by the ADLS. Those component issues are not related to the ADLS system and are being addressed under warranty by the light manufacturer.

Weather permitting, the Project expects to complete work by mid-December. The Project will make a final update in the docket shortly after confirming successful deployment of the firmware to the remaining turbines. While Engie’s contractor will continue to fine-tune the ADLS radar’s response for several months, the ADLS system is currently operating reliably and communicating successfully.

Please file this letter into the docket pursuant to Condition 35. As always, thank you for your courtesies in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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