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Public Utilities Commission Attn: Patricia Van Gerpen, Exec. Director VIA FILING SERVICE: <u>patty.vangerpen@state.sd.us</u>

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 – <u>PUC Docket:</u> 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.

ADLS sensor control remains fully operational on sixty-five lights. Six of the Project's turbine lights continue to operate in default mode, and weather- and personnel-permitting will be addressed by the end of December. Four of those lights require technicians to power cycle the FAA light's communication card inside the turbine before new firmware can be deployed. The other two lights have already received firmware updates, but as previously noted require resolution of component issues unrelated to the ADLS system, which are being addressed under warranty by the light manufacturer.

The Project will make a final update in the docket shortly after confirming successful deployment of the firmware to the remaining turbines. While the Project's contractor will continue to fine-tune the ADLS radar's response for several months, the ADLS system continues to operate reliably and communicate 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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