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**APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF SITE
COMPATIBILITY**

OLIVER WIND IV ENERGY CENTER
OLIVER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

SUBMITTED TO:

North Dakota Public Service Commission

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To the extent that local contractors are used for portions of the construction, total wages and salaries paid to contractors and workers in Oliver County will contribute to the total personal income of the region. Additional personal income will be generated for residents in the counties as well as the state by circulation and recirculation of dollars paid out by the applicant as business expenditures and state and local taxes. Expenditures made for equipment, energy, fuel, operating supplies, and other products and services will benefit businesses in the counties and the state.

It is likely that general skilled labor is available either in the county or the state to serve the basic infrastructure and site development needs. Specialized labor will be required for certain components of Project development. It is likely that this labor will be imported from other areas of the state or from other states, as the relatively short duration of construction does not warrant special training of local or regional labor. Balancing the use of local contractors and imported specialized contractors will likely alleviate any labor relations issues.

During construction, out-of-town laborers will likely use lodging facilities in and around the cities of Washburn, Hazen, Beulah, New Salem, Mandan, and Bismarck. It is expected that full-time O&M staff will reside in nearby towns with available housing.

Long-term beneficial impacts to Oliver County's tax base will contribute to the local economy as a result of the construction and operation of the Project. The development of wind projects in the region has spurred the development of wind-related businesses in the area and contributes to the economic growth in the region. In North Dakota, there is one wind manufacturing facility that produces fiberglass wind turbine blades and one construction company that specializes in wind project installation (EnergyND 2023).

6.2 PUBLIC SERVICES

6.2.1 Description of Resources

Local Government Services

Within the Project Area is a network of established roads and utilities that provide access and necessary services to cities, communities, homesteads, and farms. There are no incorporated or unincorporated cities within the Project Area. The Project Area is located adjacent to the unincorporated town of Hannover, North Dakota and approximately six miles west of the city of Center, North Dakota.

Electrical Service

The local electric co-op provides rural electrical service in the Project Area.

Roads

Public roads within the Project Area are North Dakota Highway 31, county roads, township roads, section lines, and private roads. The Project Area lies in the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) District 1 – Bismarck.