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Daniel P. Wolf Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 East Seventh Place, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

**RE: Reply Comments** 

In the Matter of the Application of Flying Cow Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need and Site Permit for the up to 152 MW Bitter Root Wind Project and Associated Facilities in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota

MPUC Docket Nos. IP-6984/CN-17-676; IP6984/WS-17-749 OAH Docket No. 8-2500-35843

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. ("RES") submits these brief reply comments regarding the request of Avangrid Renewables, LLC ("Avangrid") to withdraw the applications in the above-referenced dockets. RES believes that the circumstances support approval of the withdrawal without conditions. Flying Cow Wind, LLC ("FCW") is no longer seeking approvals from the Commission for the Bitter Root Wind Project. If Avangrid or FCW seek approvals for the project from the Commission at a future date, any interested parties will be able to participate in that proceeding with the Commission and address any issues that may be relevant to that proceeding at that time.

Similarly, RES no longer has an interest in FCW, and should not be subject to conditions related to the withdrawal. As was noted in Avangrid's April 4, 2019 filing to the Commission, RES and Avangrid entered into an arms-length commercial transaction on March 25, 2019 pursuant to which Avangrid acquired FCW. No binding agreement to sell FCW existed prior to that date, and the Commission was informed of the agreement within a reasonable time. As RES no longer has an interest in FCW, the information requests of the Laborer's District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota ("LDC") are moot. If the information sought by the LDC is relevant to a future matter before the Commission, LDC will have the opportunity to seek the information as a part of that proceeding at that time.

RES appreciates the Commission's attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Matthews

## FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of Flying Cow Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Need for the 152 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota	OAH Docket No. 8-2500-35843  MN PUC Docket No. IP-6984/CN-17-676  MN PUC Docket No. IP-6984/WS-17-749  CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
In the Matter of the Application of Flying Cow Wind, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 152 MW Large Wind Energy Conversion System in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota	) ) ) ) ) ) )
The undersigned hereby certifies that tru	e and correct copies of Renewable Energy Systems
Americas Inc. Reply Comments were served toda	y upon the parties of the attached services lists.
Dated this 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019	/s/ Tammy J. Krause Tammy J. Krause

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