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## Via Electronic Filing

Martha Lynn Jarvis Chief Clerk North Carolina Utlities Commission 430 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

## Re: Docket No.: EMP-49, Sub 0 Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Merchant Plant and Registration as a New Renewable Energy Facility

Dear Ms. Jarvis :

On behalf of Atlantic Wind, LLC, please accept this letter as Atlantic Wind's Annual Progress Report for 2016 pursuant to Rule R8-63(f) and G.S. 110.1.

1. Road Construction:

Construction of approximately 62 miles of roadway within the project area was commenced in late August 2015 and completed in the summer of 2016.

2. Operations & Maintenance Facility:

The operations and maintenance facility is complete and will be fully operational in Q1-2017.

3. Interconnect Substation:

The interconnect substation was completed in Q3-2016 and initially energized in November 2016.

4. Turbine Construction:

As of this report, 89 wind turbines are fully erected and the 15 remaining wind turbine components are staged on-site and will be erected before the end of December.

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## 5. Commercial Operation:

The project is expected to begin commercial operation on or about January 1, 2017 barring any unforeseen delays.

6. Local Economic Impacts:

Between January and October 2016, the project was responsible for ~\$16,800,000 in direct spending at local businesses (not including hotels, restaurants or other employee spending) and employed a peak of 101 local workers (in July). Presently there are approximately 190 workers on site. The workers on the project have participated in several charitable initiatives and most recently, employees of the project donated 1,677 lbs of food to the Elizabeth City food bank just prior to Thanksgiving.

The current CAPEX budget is approximately \$387M for this first phase of work which includes 104 turbines.

Attached are 5 photographs illustrating progress on the project:

- 1. Offloading the tower sections at the Port of Wilmington
- 2. Transporting the blades to the project site
- 3. Pouring a turbine foundation. (The concrete was supplied by Commercial Ready Mix Products, Inc. a locally owned business in Winton, N.C.)
- 4. Erection of a turbine
- 5. View of erected turbines across the project area
- 6. Single turbine view

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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