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Via Electronic Mail Only

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RE: Docket No. 2021-02
Investigations of Complaints Regarding Antrim Wind Energy Facility

Dear Chairwoman Martin,

On May 21, the Investigatory Subcommittee held a public meeting in the above-captioned matter. At the meeting, the Subcommittee adopted the attached Updated Investigative Plan. The Plan outlines the steps the Subcommittee plans to take over the next several months to carry out its charge.

The Subcommittee also reviewed the May 6, 2021 complaint from Rep. Vose. That complaint contends that the Antrim Wind facility is violating its Certificate by putting its aircraft detection lighting system ("ADLS") in "override" mode for approximately four weeks to conduct maintenance and upgrade work on components of the system. While in override mode, the facility's aircraft lighting is illuminated continuously. With regard to the ADLS system, the Certificate requires, in relevant part, that

- "this Certificate is conditioned upon compliance with all conditions of the Determinations of No Hazard to Air Navigation issued by the Federal Aviation Administration which are appended hereto as Appendix IV." Certificate at page 4.
- Antrim Wind "file . . . the Federal Aviation Administration's determination of no hazard pertaining to the [ADLS] that will be installed on the Project upon its receipt." Certificate at page 9.

After reviewing comments and materials submitted by interested parties, the Subcommittee concluded that the ongoing maintenance and upgrade work and the "override," did not violate either of these provisions. The Subcommittee decided that the ADLS in override mode did not violate any FAA requirements and therefore complied with the conditions of the Determinations of No Hazard. The Subcommittee also found that Antrim Wind previously filed the FAA's Determination of No Hazard

relating to the ADLS. The Subcommittee had extensive discussion to further explain its reasoning, which is captured in the minutes from the public meeting. Those will be posted in the docket for matter 2021-02.

The Subcommittee therefore recommends to the full Committee that it (1) find no violation of the Certificate with regard to the Vose complaint, and (2) undertake no enforcement action on the complaint.

Sincerely,



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