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From: Bendish, Annette M.
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2007 8:10 AM
To: Anderson, Lori D.
Cc: Lein, Jerry R.
Subject: FW: Burleigh County Wind Project - 2007 Tree Mitigation Report - PSC Case PU-05-205
Attachments: Cashman Written Reports.pdf

Lori,
Please docket this email and the attachment in Case 05-205.

Thank you,

Annette

From: Mark Sherman [mailto:marks@centralpwr.com]
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2007 8:10 AM
To: Lein, Jerry R.; Bendish, Annette M.
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Ms. Bendish and Mr. Lein,

Please take this message as the 2007 annual report on tree mitigation planting for the Burleigh Wind 230kV transmission line project as required by item 17 of the PSC Order dated August 10, 2005 – PSC Case PU-05-205.

Central Power harvested 135 trees for the Burleigh Wind 230kV transmission line project and the PSC Order requires a two for one replanting ratio which would require that 270 mitigation trees be planted and that those trees have a 75% survival rate after three years. Central Power chose to plant 330 mitigation trees in order to help ensure a 75% survival rate on the required 270 trees and we contracted Cashman Nursery of Bismarck to perform these services. Cashman Nursery planted 180 trees on Ms. Lane's property in a field near a stream, 50 trees on Mr. Schafer's property near his home, and 100 trees on Mr. Granfore's property near his home for the 330 tree total. Mr. Cashman planted one additional tree for Mr. Schafer, at Mr. Cashman's expense, bringing Mr. Schafer's total to 51 trees which is why Mr. Cashman's written report states 51 trees at Mr. Schafer's home. The trees planted were of various varieties according to landowner preferences.

Please find scanned copies of Mr. Cashman's written reports attached.

Mr. Cashman's report of 7/9/07 indicates:

- That all 100 trees planted at Mr. Granfore's home have survived for a 100% survival rate. Mr. Cashman trimmed out dead wood on several lines of trees for Mr. Granfore during his inspection.
- That Cashman replaced two of the 51 trees planted at Mr. Schafer's home bringing the current survival rate back to 100%.
- That the trees planted on Ms. Lane's property had suffered from deer rutting and that he would replant several trees.

Mr. Cashman's report of 8/16/07 indicates:

- That he needs to replace nine trees and 14 shrubs at Ms. Lane's property and that the remaining trees and shrubs were alive. Mr. Cashman trimmed out dead branches, cleaned up, and shaped the plants during this inspection.

Mr. Cashman's report of 8/22/07 indicates:

- That he had three men at Ms. Lane's on 8/20 & 8/21 weeding, replacing the 23 plants, and watering at the site.
- The report states that we should now have 100% survival rate of the 330 plants when including the replaced trees and shrubs.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Respectfully,
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