

June 15, 2005

Ms. Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Department 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

**RE: PPM Energy, Inc. Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Rugby Wind Farm, and Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules and Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the Rugby Wind Farm Transmission Line**

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 49-22-08 and 49-22-08.1, under the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act, and promulgated rules, PPM has enclosed the following:

1. An original and ten copies of an Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Rugby Wind Farm, Docket Number PU-05-47.
2. An original and ten copies of an Application for a Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules and Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the Rugby Wind Farm Transmission Line, Docket Number PU-05-305.

PPM previously sent to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) a check for \$85,000 for the Certificate of Site Compatibility and a check for \$13,750 for the Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules and the Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and a Route Permit.

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Case No. PU-05-47*

Consolidated App for Certificate of Corridor  
Compatibility & Route Permit  
by PPM Energy, Inc. by  
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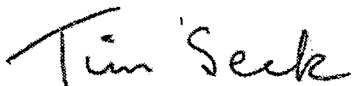
Commission staff requested that PPM address in this cover letter the timeline for filing a Final Plan and Profile for the proposed transmission line. PPM has proposed tower locations in the Route Permit application that are representative of the final placement particularly since PPM seeks to parallel the pole placement of Xcel's existing 230 kV transmission line that is immediately adjacent to PPM's proposed transmission line (Figure 17). PPM proposes to parallel the pole placement of the existing line to make it easier to farm around the structures of both lines. There are limited instances where PPM proposes to deviate from the pole placement of the existing line to avoid or minimize potential wetland impacts in Section 28 in Spring Lake Township, Section 33 in Torgerson Township, and Section 7 in Meyer Township.

PPM proposes to submit the Final Plan and Profile drawings at least 14 days prior to the pre-construction hearing. Waiting until after the route permit is issued before proceeding with the surveying ensures that PPM is expending its resources on a route that is approved by the Commission.

PPM believes that this approach to the Final Plan and Profile drawings is consistent with Commission Guidelines with respect to transmission siting. PPM was unable to identify any transmission siting guidelines or statutes requiring a Final Plan and Profile be submitted to the Commission before they would issue a Route Permit. Nonetheless, PPM requests that the Commission stipulate in the Route Permit that a Final Plan and Profile be submitted to the Commission at least 14 days prior to the preconstruction hearing.

Please contact me by phone at 651-917-9285 or e-mail at [timothy.seck@ppmenergy.com](mailto:timothy.seck@ppmenergy.com) should you have any questions with respect to this filing.

Sincerely,



Tim Seck  
Manager of Midwest Renewables

cc: Michelle Bissonnette – HDR Engineering, Inc.