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Hi Jerry,

I hope everything is going well for you. I have been really busy this month with our annual financial close. At the last Wind decommissioning workshop on January 8th a request was made for additional wind tower foundation information. I did secure permission this morning to share engineering drawings of the tower foundations used at Langdon and I'm including a photograph for added clarification. Please let me know if you have any questions in regard to any of these files. The center top drawing on the S-01 print (middle attachment) shows best the 3'-2" pedestal height that was discussed at the work shop. This is in support of our recommendation to change the proposed decommissioning depth from 48" to 36".

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Additionally, Otter Tail Power would like to comment on the financial assurance paragraph 8 of the proposed rules. At the January 8th meeting, discussion on this topic centered around the Moody's Investment Service Rating of "A", in the proposed rules and each utility was asked to comment. Otter Tail would like to propose that the wording be changed from stating a specific letter grade level to simply state as "Investment Grade". Investment grade is defined by the major rating agencies and is used by those who are making financial considerations on the credit worthiness of a firm which can include state government agencies.

That portion of the proposed rules could read like this:

; or if it has a current rating for its most recent bond issuance of "Investment Grade" as issued by Moody's Investors Service, Standards and Poor's Corporation, or an equivalent rating by any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization, as defined and approved by the United States securities and exchange commission.

Let me know if you have any questions in regard to these comments. I may be reached at the below phone or fax number.

Thanks, and have a great day!

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