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Mr. Thomas Hillstrom, Permitting Manager
Northern States Power Company
414 Nicollet Mall, MP-7B
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RE: Case No. PU-07-759
Post Construction Inspection Report

Dear Mr. Hillstrom:

As per the North Dakota Public Service Commission order and Certification Relating to Order Provisions, the Commission retains the right to conduct construction inspections. The North Dakota Public Service Commission retained a third-party vendor to conduct these inspections. We have included a weblink to the third-party post construction inspection report for your review and a link to the Commission's orders in this proceeding.

Below are the actions recommended in the post construction inspection report for follow-up by the Company to confirm compliance with the Commission order:

- Compliance with the National Electric Safety Code (Certification to Order Provision No. 8)
- Conservation Plan as recommended by USFWS. (Finding of Fact No. 30, September 12, 2012 Commission Order)
- Confirmation that the Company participated in the North Dakota One-Call program before, during and after construction. (Certification Relating to Order Provisions, No. 38)
- Tree and Shrub Survival Reports should be submitted in 2015, 2016 and 2017. (Tree and Shrub Mitigation No. 15, September 12, 2012 Order)

The construction report can be found at:

<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/07-0759/260-020.pdf>

The Commission Order can be found at:

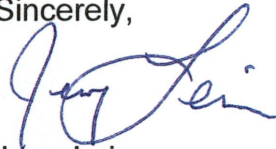
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We would appreciate the Company's responses to the above, with the exception of future year Tree and Shrub Mitigation reports in 30 days.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-1035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry Lein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerry" and last name "Lein" clearly distinguishable.

Jerry Lein
Public Utility Analyst