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**RE: Post Construction Inspections, Case Nos. PU-07-766, PU-08-107/PU-09-388,
and PU-09-674**

Dear Mr. Bring:

The North Dakota Public Service Commission retained a third-party vendor to conduct post construction inspections under the authority provided in the above referenced cases. Below we provide a weblink to the third-party post construction inspection reports for your review and a link to the Commission's orders in these proceedings. We also list actions recommended in the post construction inspection reports for follow-up by the Company to confirm compliance with the Commission orders.

PU-07-766

As per the post construction inspection report, the following actions should be undertaken with information documenting these actions provided to the Commission:

- Construction according to Application and safety requirements. (Order Point 7)
- Reports of presence of threatened, endangered species or bald or golden eagles, if applicable. (Order Point 8)
- Reports of cultural, archeological, historical resources found, if applicable. (Order Point 9)
- Mitigation of television and radio interference. (Order Point 17)
- Coordination with landowners to implement damage mitigation measures. (Order Point 18)
- Regular monitoring of the portion of the reroute within flooded areas. (Order Point 7)
- Documentation of whether trees and shrubs were, or were not, removed during construction and if so, reports of replacement plantings and subsequent survival monitoring. (Order Point 15)

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The construction report can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/07-0766/029-020.pdf>
The Commission Order can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/07-0766/020-020.pdf>

PU-08-107/PU-09-388

As per the post construction inspection report, the following actions should be undertaken with information documenting these actions provided to the Commission:

- Provision of a signed and sealed copy of the as-built drawings. (Order Point 18)
- Copies of permits not yet provided. (Order Point 5)
- Verification of compliance with the National Electric Safety Code, the Rural Utilities Service, the Avian Power Line Interconnect Committee, and the Raptor-Safe Design Standards (Order Point 7)
- Verification that no new discoveries of cultural, archeological, or historic sites were found during construction (Order Point 9)
- Verification that no threatened or endangered species or bald and golden eagles were encountered during construction (Order Point 8)
- Verification that noxious weeds are controlled along the transmission line route (Order Point 13)

The construction report can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/08-0107/049-020.pdf>
The Commission Order can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/08-0107/028-040.pdf>

PU-09-674

As per the post construction inspection report, the following actions should be undertaken with information documenting these actions provided to the Commission:

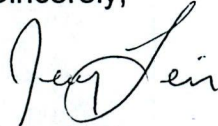
- Reports of, or lack thereof, of threatened, endangered species or bald or golden eagles during construction. (Order Point 8)
- Reports of, or lack thereof, of cultural, archeological, historical resources found during construction. (Order Point 9)
- Provide as-built drawings. (Order Point 16)

The construction report can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/09-0674/031-020.pdf>
The Commission Order can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/09-0674/017-050.pdf>

Please forward your response to the recommended Company actions, confirming these activities are complete, and describe actions and timelines for activities that are not complete. Please provide this documentation within 30 days.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Lein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "J" and "L".

Jerry Lein
Public Utility Analyst