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

**RE: M-Power, LLC
Case No. PU-08-34**

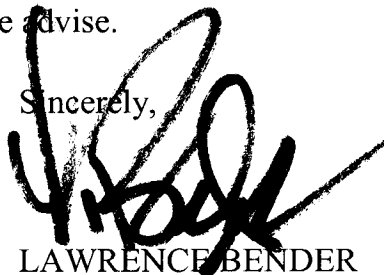
Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing an original and ten copies of the Application of M-Power, LLC for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for a 157 MW Wind Farm, and for a Waiver or Reduction of Certain Procedures and Time Schedules for what is commonly referred to as the Luverne Wind Farm, to be located in Griggs and Steele Counties, North Dakota. Also enclosed herewith is a disk containing the application and a check in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the filing fee.

Please be advised that while M-Power, LLC has submitted this application, field work has not yet been completed for field wetland delineation, Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, and the Avian Study. The Avian Study has been started but has not been completed. The field wetland delineation and Class III inventory have not yet been started, due to unknown locations for the turbines and access roads.

Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE BENDER

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Enclosure

cc: Warren Enyart – (w/o enc.)
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Application for Certificate of Site Compatibility

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North Dakota offers tremendous renewable energy potential to the state and regional power system. Renewable energy has numerous benefits to the citizens of the region, including minimizing the emissions from conventional power plants. Wind energy also benefits local economies during construction and operation of the wind energy center. Energy generated at the wind energy facility and transmitted to the regional electric system will be supplied to regional power customers.

COST

The estimated cost of constructing both the wind farm and the electric transmission line is approximately \$300,000,000.00.

JUSTIFICATION

The proposed project would contribute an additional 157 MW of renewable wind energy. As demonstrated in the Application, there will be minimal adverse effects by such construction.

For the foregoing reasons, M-Power submits there is substantial justification for the requested waivers and/or reduction of procedures and time schedules, as this proposed wind farm will produce minimal adverse effects.

M-Power respectfully requests the Commission to grant the aforementioned waivers and/or reduction of procedures and time schedules, and to render expeditious decisions approving the requested facility and issuing a certificate of site compatibility for the wind farm.

