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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
Director of Administration
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HAND DELIVERED

RE: M-Power, LLC 230 kV Electric Transmission Line –Steele County Siting Application
Case No.: PU-09-73; PU-08-34

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On October 30, 2008, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued Certificate of Site Compatibility for Energy Conversion Facility No. 9 for Phase II of M-Power, LLC’s (“M-Power”) Luverne Wind Farm (PU-08-34). On February 20, 2009, M-Power and Otter Tail Corporation, d/b/a Otter Tail Power Company (“Otter Tail Power Company”) submitted a joint application for the transfer of Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 9 to Otter Tail Power Company. Otter Tail Power Company and M-Power anticipate the Commission will approve the joint application for transfer during the month of May (deadline for hearing request is May 12, 2009).

Since the filing of the joint application for transfer, Otter Tail Power Company has learned of the availability of certain GE 1.5 XLE turbines. These turbines are different than the GE SLE turbines that were described in M-Power’s siting application, (PU-08-34). The GE XLE turbines have an 82.5 meter rotor diameter and an 80 meter hub height, whereas the GE 1.5 SLE turbines have a 77 meter rotor diameter and an 80 meter hub height.

Otter Tail Power Company has not finalized its turbine selection. However, considering the potential timing of turbine procurement, the parties determined it was important to advise the Commission of this potential change of turbine design. It is also important to note that if Otter Tail Power Company decides to use the XLE turbines, in accordance with the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of the Commission set forth in PU-08-34 dated October 30, 2008, Certificate No. 9, the proposed turbine locations would not change and as such the turbines would not be located closer than 1,400 feet from an inhabited dwelling nor closer than 400 feet of the fall zone of the wind turbine, whichever is greater, to any developed road.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Smestad at (218) 998-7144.

Sincerely,

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