

EXHIBIT Q

I am JoAnne Wold, living at Volden Farm in Broadview township. My address is 11943 Cty Rd 26, Luverne, ND 58056

In 1977, I moved to this farm along with my husband Jim Wold, who died in 2003. Jim retired after serving 27 years in the USAF, with the rank of Brigadier General. Our last posting was Moscow, Russia, where Jim served as the Military Attache in the American Embassy for two years. In 1978 Jim entered Law School at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. Upon completion he began to practice law in Griggs County, serving several years also as States Attorney. He was Appointed in 1994 by President Clinton, to serve his country as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, until 1998, when he returned home and began again to serve the people of this region.

In 1989, we opened our farm home as, Volden Farm Bed and Breakfast. Our guests have come from every state and many foreign countries. It has given us a sense of purpose as we have shared our home and also our experiences with people who have never been to our really lovely part of the world.

Two years ago we renovated our 1903 barn, and have started using the comfortable space for workshops, such as Health, Gardening, Weaving, Potting on a wheel, and other gatherings, such as photography exhibits and musical groups. We will be adding many ideas as time allows.

In the fall, this home and barn host hunters for bow as well as rifle. In 2008, we served hunters from 15 states. They are very happy with the accommodations, and I am extremely concerned that as the Wind Generators begin to turn so close to the deer, there could be some disturbing effects from the constant noise and perhaps even electrical problems such as stray voltage or the magnetic field which does give cattle many bad effects.

This small world will be unbelievably different when and if these 40 story structures are built only a third of a mile from my home. It is my desire that the closest tower be one and a half miles from my home.

**YES, A MILE AND A HALF IS WHAT I NEED FOR MY GUESTS AND FOR MY FAMILY AND FOR ME.** The stories we are reading about wind farms in other states are horrendous and truly frightening. The builders have been irresponsible in building towers far too close to dwellings. **LET US NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE.** We do have time to preserve our lives and livelihood by taking care to safeguard the health of the citizens of North Dakota. We need laws that make it clear the wind towers will be built at the very least, one mile from where people live.

It certainly has been a quite recent awakening I have had, as a small group of us have gone into the internet to find for ourselves, the health hazards which have not been heard in the press. And there are not warnings in the literature given and

shown to farmers or landowners which might need just that information in making a decision whether or not, to let their land be taken for the Wind projects.

I lived in the Soviet Union during the height of the cold war years and this feels familiar. The Powers make the decisions and the Citizens have no knowledge. Let us be careful not to follow this pattern of using a strategy of deception, surprise and speed.

LET US DO IT RIGHT AND BE AN EXAMPLE TO ALL ---- THAT WE CARE

## MY STORY

Three years ago we had as guests, a couple and their daughter, from San Francisco. The daughter was on her way to finish her fourth year at Carleton College in Northfield, MN. And as they had done each August before school started, they were exploring a new part of the country. The previous years they had traveled into Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Now it was North Dakota they wanted to explore.

After discovering some interesting sights, such as all the bridges in Valley City, They found the open space to be to their liking. Also, after a couple days of eating at our table with it's wide view, and sleeping in the part of our country home which dates back to 1926, they had the feeling of being at grandma's house. Often, our guests would say, as they climbed the stairs with stippled walls and a linoleum from the 30's covering the landing, "Oh, even the smell brings me back", or some comment like that.

In the morning there is the crow of a rooster, uncommonly named Lazlo or Finkenstein. Even though I close my chickens in every night to insure their safety from an interested Raccoon, the inevitable crow to announce the sun's rising, can be heard, and has been known to awaken a guest a bit earlier than planned. At breakfast they say, "I heard the rooster! I haven't heard that for many a year."

In spite of the rooster, the quiet of nature is one of the selling points on this priceless prairie. So, the family walked with me out into the Tree Farm before driving away from Volden Farm that last morning of their stay. This spot is where our family, (now numbering 26 - including my 7 month old great grandson named Kaj), and some close friends, shaded our eyes as we watched while a neighbor's plane flew over Jim's faithfully cared for trees while our son Kevin spread Jim's ashes on the third flyover. We sang the AF Hymn accompanied by Thomas on his trombone and Anna on her trumpet. Tears softened the tone of the first verse, but we bravely increased our volume on the next three.

I write this on May 31, 2009, as it is exactly six years today that this took place. Of course my new San Francisco friends knew nothing of this background, but I did.

After strolling some minutes in this set apart piece of land, it was having it's effect on these previous strangers to North Dakota. The wife turned to me and very quietly said, "I've never before experienced this kind of quiet", and turning to her husband asked, "would you like to move here?" The end

If the five Wind Towers which at this time are planned to be put up only a third of a mile from where I and my family and my guests from around the world, SLEEP, I will never, after 20 years of operating Volden Farm Bed and Breakfast, hear this story again.

Thanks for listening.

PS I am also concerned for the ARYTHMIA HISTORY of my heart. 3 years ago I had an OBLATION to remove heart tissue from my right Atria. In ~~1995~~ 2001 I began to suffer Atrial Fibrillation. On the average over 6 years, every 2 weeks my heart would speed up to 240 beats per minute .. for 10 hours which I spent either in bed or at rest. A Fopral slowed the beat some. I understand the weathering of

the blades noise has  
caused some persons  
to feel their heart  
rhythm changes to beat  
along with the wind towers  
rhythm

If I should revert  
to the erratic Arrhythmia  
I experienced before the  
Oblation at Mayo Clinic,  
it would be devastating  
at this time.

# Rate rules could blow away support

■ N.D. regulators seek rule change on wind power costs

**By Dale Wetzel**  
Associated Press

BISMARCK — North Dakota's wind development boom may force utility customers to pay higher electric bills unless rules on sharing transmission costs are changed, state regulators say.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Otter Tail Power Co. estimate the current rules could drive up their customers' monthly bills by 18 percent to 30 percent annually.

If the problem is not remedied, it could undermine public backing for wind power development in North Dakota, Public Service Commissioner Tony Clark said. The state has more than 700 megawatts of wind generation capacity, with more than 3,000 megawatts of projects planned.

"What I would tell wind developers is, 'You'd better solve this,'" Clark said Wednesday. "If you don't ... the political support, which in North Dakota has been almost unanimous for wind, will evaporate."

A spokeswoman for the Midwest Independent System Operator, which is a regional electric grid manager, said the organization's members, wind energy companies and regulators have been discussing possible solutions.

"We're working with all the utilities that are concerned about cost allocation

issues," said Mary Lynn Webster, a spokeswoman in Carmel, Ind., where the MISO is based. It includes 15 states and Manitoba province in Canada.

Montana-Dakota Utilities and Otter Tail Power have given notice that they may withdraw from the organization at year's end if the situation is not resolved, utility officials said.

## The rules

The organization's rules say wind power companies that make requests to connect new projects to the electric service grids of Montana-Dakota and Otter Tail need to pay only half the cost of any transmission upgrades required by the new connection. Should a project require a new electric substation or power line, the utility and the wind power developer split the cost evenly.

Both utilities may be asked to connect with more wind energy projects than they need to satisfy their own customers' demands for power — and be forced to help pay the cost of those projects.

For Montana-Dakota, the MISO has pending interconnection requests for almost 2,900 megawatts of power, which is roughly six times the peak usage of MDU's system. There are almost 9,500 megawatts of requests for Otter Tail Power, which is about 13 times its peak.

MDU, which is based in Bismarck, has

electric customers in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming. Otter Tail, which is based in Fergus Falls, Minn., serves customers in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

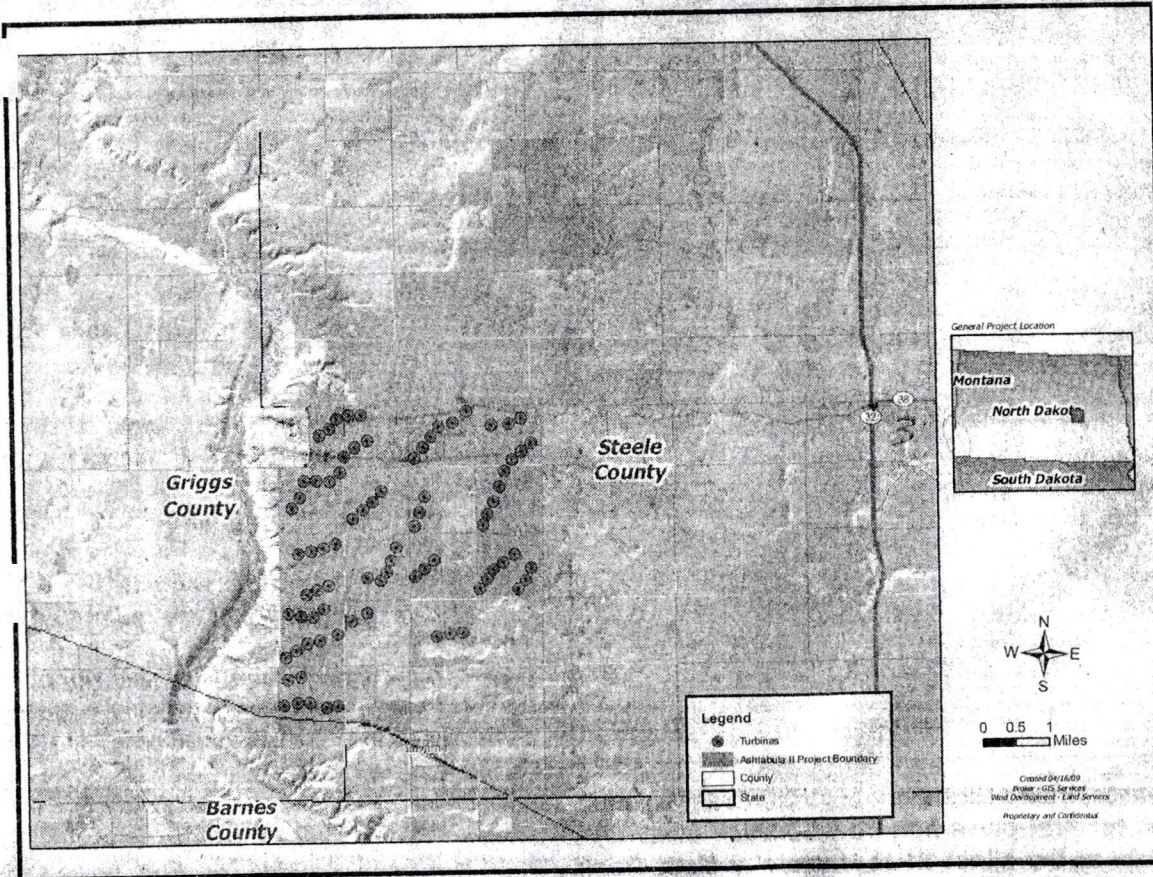
Clark, Andrea Stomberg, Montana-Dakota's vice president for electric supply, and JoAnn Thompson, Otter Tail's manager for federal regulatory compliance and policy, met with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission officials Tuesday in Washington to discuss the issue.

The FERC must approve any cost allocation changes that the regional grid manager suggests before they take effect, Clark said. The officials went to Washington to brief federal regulators on the situation and to request speedy handling of suggested changes.

Clark said he believes independent power developers should pay the full cost of interconnecting with utility power grids and pass the expense along to their customers.

If North Dakota ratepayers have to shoulder extra costs for power they won't use, "people within North Dakota will really, I think, rebel against wind power," Clark said.

"They will see this power that's going for export," Clark said, "and all they see is their rates going up, to subsidize power being exported to Chicago."



**State of North Dakota  
Public Service  
Commission**

M-Power, LLC  
Electric Generation/Wind-  
Griggs/Steele, County  
Siting Application

**Case No. PU-08-34  
Notice of Hearing  
April 22, 2009**

On May 6, 2008, M-Power, LLC (M-Power) filed an application for a certificate of site compatibility to authorize construction of a 157.5 MW Luverne Wind Farm in Griggs and Steele Counties of North Dakota.

On November 6, 2008, the Commission issued a certificate for the northern portion of the project, but required that M-Power submit a final site plan for Commission approval prior to issuance of a certificate of site compatibility for the southern portion of the project. On April 8, 2009, M-Power filed a revised south field turbine site plan as shown on the attached map.

A Public Hearing on the revised south field site plan is scheduled to begin June 5, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. CDT in the Cooperstown City Hall Meeting

Room, 611 9th St. NE, Cooperstown, ND 58425. The issues to be considered are:

1. Will the location, construction, and operation of the proposed facilities produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and upon the welfare of the citizens of North Dakota?
2. Are the proposed facilities compatible with the environment preservation and the efficient use of resources?
3. Will the proposed facility locations minimize adverse human and environmental impact while ensuring continuing system reliability and integrity and ensuring that energy needs are met and fulfilled in an orderly and timely fashion?

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission.

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