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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

*Re: Submission of Supplement to Tree and Shrub Inventory Plan
Pillsbury-Fargo Generation Outlet Project
Case Number PU-08-48*

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

With this letter, Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. submits Supplement to Tree and Shrub Inventory Plan re Pillsbury-Fargo Generation Outlet Project in Case Number PU-08-48.

Pursuant to § 49-22-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act, and rules promulgated thereunder, enclosed for filing please find:

1. Original and seven (7) copies of Supplement to Tree and Shrub Inventory Plan.

Should you have any questions with respect to this filing, please contact me.

Very truly yours,


PEARCE & DURICK

By 

Jerome C. Kettleison
Phone: (701) 333-0104

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Enclosures



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**Pillsbury - Fargo
Generation Outlet Project**

Docket No. PU-08-48

**Supplement to
Tree and Shrub Inventory Plan**

August 12, 2008

Minnkota requests leave to supplement its Tree and Shrub Inventory Plan filed on June 11, 2008 in PU-08-48.

Direct Counts vs. Sampling

The tree and shrub inventory plan completed by Minnkota consisted of direct counts of trees that were greater than 1 inch in diameter at breast height in native growth areas. In addition, all shrubs were counted in native growth areas, regardless of size. Trees and shrubs in planted areas (i.e., windbreaks, shelterbelts) were also individually counted, regardless of size.

In nine locations, extremely dense shrub populations had to be estimated by using circular sample plots because individual counting was not practicable (e.g., dense sandbar willow areas). In those locations, shrub numbers were estimated by counting shrubs within a representative circular area, and then calculating the approximate number of shrubs within the area to be cleared. This method applied only to shrubs and only where growth was too dense to allow direct counting (nine locations). The sample area was established with a central stake and rope (3.72 feet in length) which was rotated in a circle (7.44 feet diameter).¹ This sampling method is considered to properly represent the woody vegetation in those areas. Larger sampling plots or direct counts were not considered to be practicable due to the density of plants in those areas.

¹ Note: The tree inventory plan filed with the Commission that was dated June 11, 2008, mistakenly described the sample area as a 3.72 foot diameter circle. The actual diameter was 7.44 feet.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

APPLICATION TO THE NORTH DAKOTA)
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A)
WAIVER OF PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES,)
AND CONSOLIDATED CERTIFICATE OF)
CORRIDOR COMPATABILITY AND ROUTE)
PERMIT, PILLSBURY-FARGO GENERATION)
OUTLET PROJECT)

Docket No. PU-08-48

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

Belinda Dickson, being first duly sworn on oath, does depose and say: That she is over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the above-entitled matter;

That on the 12th day of August, 2008, this affiant served a true and correct copy of the following document in the above-captioned action:

1. Supplement to Tree and Shrub Inventory Plan.

That copies of the above document were enclosed and secured in an envelope and addressed as follows:

Public Service Commission
State Capitol Building
600 E. Boulevard Avenue; Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Hand-Delivered – Original and 7 Copies

To the best of affiant's knowledge, information and belief, such address as given above was the actual post office address of the party intended to be so served.

That the above documents were duly served in accordance with the provisions of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.

Belinda Dickson
Belinda Dickson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of August, 2008.

Annette Kirschenheiter
Notary Public

