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Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: PrairieWinds ND 1, Inc.  
Electric Generation/Wind – Ward County  
Siting Application  
Case No.: PU-08-75

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 49-22 of the North Dakota Century Code, PrairieWinds ND 1, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, submitted a Letter of Intent dated February 19, 2008, to construct a 115.5 megawatt (MW) wind project in north central North Dakota.

PrairieWinds requested the Commission to shorten the one year waiting period between filing a Letter of Intent and the filing for an Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility. By Motion dated March 12, 2008, the Commission acknowledged the Letter of Intent and shortened the one year waiting period between filing a Letter of Intent and a Siting Application to one day and also assessed a filing fee of \$100,000.00 in Case No. PU-08-75, PrairieWinds ND 1, Inc.'s proposed 115.5 MW wind farm in Ward County, North Dakota.

Basin Electric has determined that it will construct, operate and initially own the facility. At some point, Basin Electric intends to transfer ownership to PrairieWinds ND 1, Inc.

Based on the foregoing, Basin Electric hereby submits ten copies of its Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility. Also enclosed is a check for \$100,000.00 for the filing fee per the March 12, 2008 Commission Motion.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or Application, please call Deborah Levchak, Basin Electric Staff Counsel, at (701) 557-5713 or Kevin Solie, Senior Environmental Analyst at (701) 557-5495.

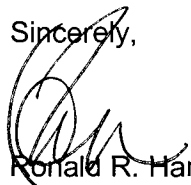
Please direct any further correspondence regarding this Application to Deborah Levchak, Office of General Counsel, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 1717 East Interstate Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RRH', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Ronald R. Harper  
CEO & General Manager

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