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May 4, 2011

Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: *Submission of Extraordinary Event Report for ND PSC Case No. PU-08-75 (Basin Electric Power Cooperative – PrairieWinds ND1).*

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On Saturday afternoon (April 30, 2011), a blade on a wind tower failed on Turbine 26 at the PrairieWinds ND1 facility. The tower is located approximately 0.75 miles west of US Highway 83 and approximately 0.25 miles north of State Highway 23. No injuries occurred and there was no damage to private property. An investigation is underway to determine the cause of the failure.

Additional information regarding the blade failure will be provided to the PSC once the investigation is complete. The attached photographs depict the damaged blade. Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin L. Solie".

Kevin L. Solie  
Senior Environmental Analyst

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Enclosure



