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RE: Post Construction Inspection, Case No. PU-08-075

Dear Mr. Solie:

The North Dakota Public Service Commission retained a third-party vendor to conduct a post construction inspection under the authority provided in the above referenced case. Below we provide a weblink to the third-party post construction inspection report for your review and a link to the Commission's order in this proceeding. We also list actions recommended in the post construction inspection reports for follow-up by the Company to confirm compliance with the Commission orders.

As per the post construction inspection report, the following actions should be undertaken with information documenting these actions provided to the Commission:

- No Class III cultural survey has been filed for the four roads that were not part of the initial roads in the initial survey and the relocated turbine. (Order Point 4).
- No line marker posts were installed at highway crossings and where the collector lines cross public roads. (Order Point 4)
- No documentation was found in the case file that reclamation, fertilization, and reseeding occurred after construction was completed. Reclamation was not complete on the collector lines in the area of turbine D51. Seeding may have occurred in this area however vegetation had not grown back as of January 10, 2012. (Order Point 13)
- During the post construction field inspection it was noted that some of the locations where the collector lines crossed under the access and primary roads the trench excavation sank and needs additional maintenance. Locations observed where maintenance is required are; Access road north of turbine C42; two crossings between turbines B28 and B29 on 30th Street SW; a section line road; West of Hwy 83 on 261st Ave SE; 42nd Street SE east of turbine E65; Access road into turbine E63; and 42nd Street culvert installation. Basin should complete maintenance at these road sites and report to the Commission that this maintenance is complete. Order Point 14)

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- No record was found in the case file of the estimated decommissioning cost per turbine and a comprehensive decommissioning plan that describes how Basin plans to pay for decommissioning. (Order Point 15 and NDAC 69-09-09)
- Basin Electric had agreements with landowners to repair or replace damage that occurred during construction. Basin Electric should provide evidence that no drainage tile was found, broken or damaged. (Order Point 18)
- Basin Electric should provide the Commission documentation of their restoration and post construction clean-up activities. The following specific items noted are: On the access road between turbines D49 to D50- 2" plastic casing pipe is laying in the ditch on the north side of the road; Along the access road to turbine D51 there is a pile of erosion rolls that have not been removed; A 6" casing pipe was found lying in the ROW at the Corner of 30th St SW & 261st Avenue SE; In the west ROW ditch of 30th Street SW by turbine B28 casing pipe piles, trailers, equipment parked and debris needs to be cleaned up and removed; Reels and garbage items from the project are located just south of the Collector Substation; and restoration in the area of turbine D51. (Order Points 20 and 21)
- No record was found of a landowner requesting educational materials about the proposed energy conversion facility. A copy of the educational materials for landowners that Basin Electric has available should be provided. (Order Point 22)
- The Commission should be provided a copy of the annual bird mortality reports. (Order Point 24)
- The written procedure or a letter stating how complaints are handled or would have been handled if a complaint had occurred. (Order Point 25)
- Basin Electric should provide documentation to the Commission that roads were bored. (Order Point 26)

The construction report can be found at:

<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/08-0075/080-010.pdf>

The Commission Order can be found at:

<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/08-0075/040-040.pdf>

Please forward your response to the recommended Company actions, confirming these activities are complete, and describe actions and timelines for activities that are not complete. Please provide this documentation within 30 days.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-1035.

Sincerely,



Jerry Lein
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