

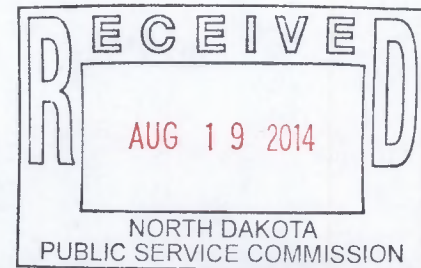
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August 18, 2014

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Re: Case No. PU-08-075

Dear Mr. Lien:

In a letter dated April 8, 2014, (copy attached) Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) provided response to your letter dated February 12, 2014, regarding the Post Construction Inspection conducted by a third-party vendor on behalf of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC). While we were able to respond to the majority of the concerns raised in your letter, a number of issues could not be addressed due to season and/or snow cover.

As described in our April 8, 2014, letter, issues 3 and 4 would be addressed when conditions allow access to the affected areas. Basin Electric conducted a field inspection on August 14, 2014, to assess and address the unresolved issues. Basin Electric's response to issues 3 and 4 are discussed below, including a brief synopsis of the NDPSC issue followed by Basin Electric's response. The sequence of responses is consistent with the order of the issues raised in your letter.

Issue 3:

Issue: Reclamation was not complete on the collector lines in the area of turbine D51.

Response: Turbine D51 is located in an agricultural field. At the time of Basin Electric's onsite review, the field was planted to flax. There was no discernable difference in crop/vegetation quality along collector line routes. No further action is proposed.

Issue 4:

Issue: Collector line trench excavation sank and needs additional maintenance on the access road north of turbine C42.

Response: A review of engineering documents indicates no collector line crosses the road north of turbine C42. No sunken areas were observed on this road segment on August 14, 2014. No further action is proposed.

Issue: Collector line trench excavation sank and needs additional maintenance on two crossings on the road (30th Street SW) between turbines B28 and B29.

Response: A review of engineering documents indicates there are no collector line crossings on this portion of road. Two low water crossings, however, are present along this road segment. Low water crossings, which appear as small swales that cross the road roughly perpendicular to the flow of traffic, are part of a facility design that results in less impact than crossings with culvert installations. The road surfaces of low water crossings are typically protected with crushed rock or articulated concrete mats. Photos of representative low water crossings are attached. No further action is proposed.

Issue: Collector line trench excavation sank and needs additional maintenance on the access road west of Highway 83 on 261st Avenue SE.

Response: A review of engineering documents indicates there are no collector line crossings on this portion of road. Again, we suspect the PSC's third-party inspector erroneously identified a low water crossing as a sunken collector line trench. No further action is proposed.

Issue: Collector line trench excavation sank and needs additional maintenance on 42nd Street SE east of turbine E65.

Response: A review of engineering documents indicates there are no collector line crossings on this portion of road. Again, we suspect the PSC's third-party inspector erroneously identified a low water crossing as a sunken collector line trench. No further action is proposed.

Issue: Collector line trench excavation sank and needs additional maintenance on the access road into turbine E63.

Response: A review of engineering documents indicates there are no collector line crossings on this portion of road. Again, we suspect the PSC's third-party inspector erroneously identified a low water crossing as a sunken collector line trench. No further action is proposed.

Issue: Maintenance is needed on 42nd Street culvert installation.

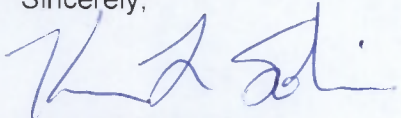
Response: Two culverts were installed on 42nd Street SE. On August 14, 2014, the condition of two culvert areas appeared consistent with other portions of this road. See attached photos. No further action is proposed.

Based on the results of Basin Electric's onsite inspection and understanding of the issues previously raised, it appears no additional maintenance/repair is required at the PrairieWinds ND1 wind energy facility.

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Please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Solie".

Kevin L. Solie, P.E.
Environmental Administrator

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Enclosures

cc: Deborah Levchak



Location: PrairieWinds ND1
Date: August 14th 2014
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Subject: Low water crossing 42nd Street SE
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