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From: Lein, Jerry R.
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 2:36 PM
To: Hamre, John G.; Marquart, Janet R.
Subject: FW: Information Request, Case No. PU-08-797
Attachments: TownerCoZoningOrd.pdf; Revised Zoning Resolution.txt; Rolette CountyZoning Request Application.doc; RollaMunicipalAirportZoningOrdinance.pdf; Siemens109dbDanishStudy.pdf; Siemens107dbaMPUC.pdf; NDPSCResponseLtr.pdf

John – This should have been docketed...

From: Amy Linnerooth [mailto:Amy.Linnerooth@westwoodps.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2009 3:39 PM
To: Lein, Jerry R.
Subject: FW: Information Request, Case No. PU-08-797

Jerry, per your request, I am forwarding a copy of the email I sent to the PSC last week.

Thank you,
Amy

From: Amy Linnerooth
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2009 5:47 PM
To: 'ndpsc@nd.gov'
Subject: Information Request, Case No. PU-08-797

Dear Mr. Jerry Lein,

Per our phone conversation on April 3, 2009, please find attached the responses to questions identified in your February 18, 2009 email (see below). The attached responses will be incorporated into the revised Application for Certificate of Site Compatibility, where appropriate. An original plus 10 hardcopies of the revised Application for Certificate of Site Compatibility will be sent along with the finalized site plans at least one week prior to the hearing. An electronic version of the revised application will also be supplied at that time.

Thank you, again, for your careful review of the application. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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From: Lein, Jerry R. [mailto:jlein@nd.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 3:36 PM
To: Amy Linnerooth; iwitherspoon@sequoia-energy.com
Subject: Information Request, Case No. PU-08-797

Dear Mr. Witherspoon:

Initial staff review of Sequoia's application in Case No. PU-08-797 for a certificate of site compatibility for the Border Winds project indicates that some additional information is needed before recommending the application be deemed complete. Please provide or identify where in the application the following information can be found:

1. Table 3-2 lists "areas where animal or plant species that are unique or rare to this state would be irreversibly damaged" as an avoidance area when it is actually an exclusion area, and lists one rare plant community (clcerous fern) associated with wetlands in the project area.. Please confirm Sequoia's understanding that this is an exclusion area and provide locations of any known occurrences in the project area along with steps Sequoia will take to avoid potential impacts.
2. What minimum turbine setbacks are being proposed?
3. What would be the expected noise volume in dB at a residence located a distance of 1,000 feet from a turbine?
4. Please identify all turbines preliminary planned to be within 1400 feet of a residence and explain why each lesser setback is appropriate.
5. Please provide a copy of any Rolette and Towner County ordinances regarding wind turbines.
6. Please provide the planned location of the collector substation and O&M building along with diagrams detailing plans for transmission line grid interconnection.
7. Please provide a status report / schedule for any remaining studies, including a class III cultural resource surveys, biological surveys, avian surveys, wetland delineations, etc.

If you have any questions regarding any of these requests, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lein
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