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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

RE: Bison 1 Wind Project  
Oliver/Morton Counties  
Siting Application  
Case No. PU-09-151

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed an original and ten copies of Minnesota Power's initial weekly construction report for the week ending October 17, 2009. Construction photos are also available upon request.

In addition, enclosed are copies of the conditional use permits issued by Morton and Oliver counties.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David R. Moeller

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Enc.

c: Ron Gullicks, Minnesota Power  
Jim Atkinson, Minnesota Power

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**Initial Weekly Construction Report for Week Ending  
Oct. 17, 2009**

Allete, Inc.

David R. Moeller, Atty.

**BISON I WIND**  
**PU-09-151**  
**Week Ending 10-17-09**

Construction commenced on October 9, 2009.

Ulteig setting control stakes on the project for Minnesota Power along the Main Access Road, O&M Site and the Substation Site.

Ulteig setting construction stakes for Belair Excavating.

Belair Excavating is mobilizing construction equipment to the site. They have hauled in;

- Cat D-6 Dozer
- Cat 815 Self-propelled Sheep foot
- Cat Skid steer
- Cat Challenge with 2 scrapper pans
- Cat 627 Scrapper
- Cat 140 Motor Grader
- Cat 563 Smooth drum compactor

West River Telecom lowered their fiber optic cable along the East side of County Road 86 to allow enough cover over the cable at the Main Access Road.

Belair Excavating stripped the topsoil at the O&M Site and the Substation Site.

Belair Excavating rough graded the O&M Site.

Belair Excavating rough graded the Substation Site.

Minnesota Power completed the Easements Agreements with the land owners along the Main Access Road.

Belair Excavating removed the existing barbed wire fences along the Main Access Road.

Belair relocated the rock piles on Terrance Doll's property to a location where he wanted them stored.

Belair Excavating received two loads of culvert pipe.

Belair Excavating has seven men on site.