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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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Conditional Use Permits from Morton & Oliver
Counties

Allete, Inc.

David R. Moeller, Atty.

OLIVER COUNTY

PERMIT NO. 592

- BUILDING PERMIT
- OCCUPANCY PERMIT
- CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
- TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
- OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PERMIT

GRANTED TO: Minnesota Power
(APPLICANT)

FOR: Bin F Wind Project
(USE)

LOCATION: See Maps

With the understanding that the applicant will satisfy all conditions set forth in the Oliver County Zoning Ordinance and the applicant will satisfy any additional conditions deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners. Failure of the applicant to comply with these conditions will constitute a violation of the ordinance under section 18 and all penalties under section 18.3 apply..

ISSUED BY Doreine Hedeman DATE: 9-10-09
(COUNTY COMMISSIONER)

RECEIVED BY: James B. Hedeman DATE: 10/1/09
(APPLICANT SIGNATURE)

COMMENTS: Fee to be calculated -

Occupied land = 20 Acres - Fee =
 $\$175^{00}$ for 10 Acres + $\$5^{00}$ each acre over 10 Acres $\$50^{00}$
Total = \$125⁰⁰

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ISSUED BY Jessie Helmer DATE: 9-10-09
(COUNTY COMMISSIONER)

RECEIVED BY: Jan B. Astumery DATE: 10-1-09
(APPLICANT SIGNATURE)

COMMENTS: Fee based on final project
costs not ready yet. Cost: \$75,000,000.00
1/100 of 1% of \$75,000,000 = \$7,500.00
Total = \$7500.00

Send signed permits & check to -

Oliver County
P.O. Box 188
Center, ND
58530



Request for Payment

Date 10/1/09

To Accounts Payable
Minnesota Power

Please issue check in amount of 7,625.00

To Oliver County

Address PO Box 188

City, State Center, ND

Zip Code 58530

Material	\$	<u>7625.00</u>
Labor		_____
Freight		_____
State Tax		_____
City Tax		_____
Total		<u>7625.00</u>

Attachment to be sent with check

Requested by Jim Atkinson

Please attach all invoices

Explanation:

This payment request is for fees associated with the Conditional Use Permit and Building Permit for the Bison I Wind Energy Conversion Facility project in Oliver County, North Dakota. SEE ATTACHED

Payment Approved *Tom Ruston*

PO #/Check No. _____

Work Order and/or Account Number	Amount	
1373441	7625	00

COMMISSIONERS:

JAMES BOEHM, Chairman
Mandan, ND

MARK BITZ, Vice Chairman
Mandan, ND

BRUCE STRINDEN
Mandan, ND

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Mandan, ND

ANDY ZACHMEIER
Mandan, ND

MORTON COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

210 2nd AVENUE NW
MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA 58554

PAUL E. TRAUGER, County Auditor



**MORTON COUNTY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT No 3 August 11, 2009,
CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS FOR MINNESOTA POWER FOR BISON I WIND
PROJECT.**

Minnesota Power
30 West Superior Street
Duluth, MN 55802

Dear Mr. Gullicks:

The Morton County Commissioners have granted a Conditional Use Permit to build Minnesota Power's Bison I Wind Project in Morton County, ND. Minnesota Power is in compliance with the Morton County's Wind Energy Model Ordinance to place seventeen (17) 2.3 MW Wind Turbines in Township 140 North, Range 81 West in Morton County, ND. Minnesota has reached agreement with the Morton County Commissioners on building up and use of section line roads under Morton County Jurisdiction...

If you have any questions please contact me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul E. Trauger".

Paul E. Trauger
Morton County Auditor

August 11, 2009