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VIA EMAIL

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

230 kV Transmission Line / Morton and Oliver Counties
PU-09-587

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find attached Minnesota Power's weekly construction report for the week ending August 7, 2010 in the above-referenced cases.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David R. Moeller

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Attachment

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

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Bison I Wind - Weekly Construction Report for week
ending 8-7-10

Allete, Inc.

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**Bison I Wind
PU-09-151
Week Ending 8-7-2010**

O&M Building and Garage;

- Continue to sheetrock and tape the O&M Building and Garage [Northwest]
- Fire tape and caulk all the fire walls[Northwest]
- Install ceiling grids and sheetrock for the bathroom ceilings[Northwest]
- Start the installation of the plywood protection boards for the Shop[Northwest]
- Paint the hollow metal door frames[Northwest]
- Install the stairway to the mezzanine[Northwest]
- Install the bollards for the O&M and Garage[Northwest]
- Install piping and duct insulation[Northwest]
- Continue to rough in the electrical[Michels]

Balance of Plant;

- Continue to excavate ditches on 52nd Ave.,51st Ave. and 31st St.[Michels]
- Complete the fabric and Class 13 for 31st St.. This completes all the fabric and Class 13 for all the main roads.[Michels]
- Install the fabric and Class 13 for the access roads to WTG's 4, 16, 22, 31, 12, 33 and 29.[Michels]
- Load tested the Geo-piers at WTG 18. [Michels]
- Completed installing the Geo-piers at WTG 18.[Michels]
- Excavated the foundations for WTG's 22, 19 and 18.[Michels]
- Proofrolled WTG's 22 and 12.[Michels]
- Placed the mud mats for WTG's 22, 12, 19 and 18.[Michels]
- Tied the rebar for WTG's 3, 23, 8, 16, 4 and 13.[JD Steel]
- Assembled bolt cages for WTG's 32 and 18, 4 and 16.[Michels]
- Placed the concrete foundations for WTG's 14, 5, 3, 23 and 8.[Michels]
- Installed the grounding for WTG's 14 and 5.[Michels]
- Started the backfill for WTG 14.[Michels]
- Erected the Permanent Met Tower.[Trilliun]

230 KV Bison Substation:

- HOOPER began erection of 230KV CCVT's and Surge Arresters.
- HOOPER continued Bison substation steel, insulator and 230KV switch erection.
- HOOPER pre – cleaned bus sections.
- HOOPER started above ground conduits, grounding.
- SHALLBETTER started pulling and terminating internal control cable in switchgear building.