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VIA EMAIL

Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

230 kV Transmission Line / Morton and Oliver Counties
Case No. PU-09-587

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find attached Minnesota Power's weekly construction report for the week ending August 21, 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 8-21-10

Allete, Inc.

David R Moeller

**Bison I Wind
PU-151-09
Week Ending 8-21-2010**

O&M Building and Garage

- Installed the poles for the O&M Compound lighting.[Michels]
- Installed the manifold system for the Geo-thermal well field.[Earth Energy]
- Installing the Geo-thermal piping on the mezzanine.[CMI]
- Preparing the floors and installing the floor tile in the office areas.[Dakota Flooring]
- Started to install the plumbing fixtures.[CMI]
- Installed the hollow metal doors.[Northwest]
- Started to install the lockers.[Northwest]
- Installed the Shop fans.[CMI]
- Continuing to work on the plumbing system.[CMI]
- Installed the gas piping in the Garage.[CMI]
- Continuing to work on the electrical system.[Michels]
- General cleaning in all areas.[Northwest]
- Completed the O&M Compound fence.[Century Fence]
- Completed the potable water well and testing.[Gregory Drilling]

Balance of Plant

- Installed the fence for the Met Tower.[Century Fence]
- Continue to grade the ditches for 52nd Ave and 31st St and for the turbine access roads.[Michels]
- Spreading topsoil in/on the completed ditches and slopes.[Michels]
- Completed all rebar placement, anchor bolts, conduits and concrete placement for the turbine foundations.[Michels]
- Completed the grounding for the turbine foundations.[Michels]
- Backfilled turbine foundations for WTGs 13, 19, 18, 33, 22, 4 and 31.[Michels]
- Started the collector system installing the interdict from the Bison Substation to the Met Tower.[Michels]
- Installed the crane pads for WTGs 18,14 and 5.[Michels]
- Graded for the crane pads for WTGs 19, 32,3 and 8.[Michels]

230 KV Bison Substation:

- HOOPER continued termination of control cables.
- HOOPER completed installation of 230KV surge arrestors.
- HOOPER continued welding up and installing bus sections and equipment jumpers.
- HOOPER continued above ground conduits, grounding.
- SHALLBETTER continued working on switchgear building punch - list completion items.