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

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Minnesota Power would like to announce that construction has resumed on the above-referenced project. Please find attached Minnesota Power's weekly construction report for the week ending April 30, 2011.

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
Mike Pontius, Minnesota Power

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Bison 1 Wind - Weekly Construction Report for
Week Ending 4-30-2011

Allete, Inc.

Bison 1B Weekly Construction Report
PU-09-151
Week Ending: 4/30/11

Construction

- Roads – Culverts have been installed on access road 6 (structure B5), and access road 7 (structure B2)
Topsoil has been stripped on access roads 6, 20

Silt fence has been installed on access roads 6,7, and 28
- Foundations – Topsoil has been stripped for foundations 6,17,20 and 25
- Turbine Erection - None
- Collection System - None

Miscellaneous

- Roughrider Coop is working on dropping the over head power line on 28 ½ Street, from west of access road 26 to east of access road 6. Two sections will be directional bored. Total portion placed under ground is 3,905 feet.

Weather Impacts

- Significant precipitation on 4/19 (0.36 in), 4/22 (.70 in)
- Light precipitation on 4/26 (0.10 in)
- Blizzard conditions on 4/30

Manpower on Site

- Michels at 26 employees
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