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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  
230 kV Transmission Line – Oliver/Morton Counties  
Siting Application  
Case No. PU-09-587

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Attached please find the following documents related to the above-referenced case.

- Notes from Preconstruction Conference Meeting held 5-5-10 and Notice of Construction Commencement Plan
- North Dakota Department of Transportation Crossing Permit and Traffic Plan
- Oliver County Utility Crossing Permit
- Morton County Utility Crossing Permit

Please contact me at the number below if you have any questions relating to this matter.

Sincerely,

David R. Moeller

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

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**Notes from pre-construction conference and Notice of Construction commencement**

Allete, Inc.

David Moeller, Atty.

# **State of North Dakota Public Service Commission**

## **Notes from Preconstruction Conference Notice of Construction Commencement Date**

ALLETE, Inc. d/b/a Minnesota Power  
230 kV Transmission Line / Morton and Oliver Counties  
Case No. PU-09-587

Minnesota Power hereby provides the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“PSC”) notice that it will commence construction on or about May 10, 2010 for the 230 kV Transmission Line in Morton and Oliver Counties.

In accordance with North Dakota Public Service Commission’s (PSC) Order Point 5, Mr. Jerry Lein from the PSC conducted a preconstruction conference call with Minnesota Power on May 5, 2010 at approximately 9:30 a.m. Attendees from Minnesota Power were the following: Ron Gullicks, Jim Atkinson, and David Moeller. Mr. Lein and representatives of Minnesota Power discussed each Order point of the PSC’s Order dated March 10, 2010. Except as noted below, there was no further discussion or clarification necessary on specific Order points.

5. Jim Atkinson is the designated Minnesota Power representative and Ron Gullicks is the designated construction supervisor.

6. Minnesota Power has obtained approval for all required permits. In conjunction with these notes and Notice of Construction Commencement Date, Minnesota Power provides the road crossing permits issued by Oliver and Morton Counties along with the one issued by the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

7. Minnesota Power and Mr. Lein discussed expectations for the weekly construction report and notification procedures. Also, it was clarified that Minnesota Power could combine the weekly construction reports for the Bison I Wind Facility (Case No. PU-09-151) with the 230 kV Transmission Line construction reports so long as each project is designated on the weekly report.

19. Mr. Lein previously provided PSC Staff approval of structure location changes in an email dated April 23, 2010.