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Executive Secretary  
Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue – Dept. 408  
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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Re: Renewable Energy Objective Report

Executive Secretary:

Enclosed is the 2008 North Dakota Renewable Energy and Recycled Energy Objective report per N.D. Century Code Chapter 49-02-34.

This report is filed on behalf of the following members of Minnkota Power Cooperative and Northern Municipal Power Agency:

- Cavalier Rural Electric Cooperative
- Nodak Electric Cooperative
- Grafton Municipal Utilities
- Park River Municipal Utilities

Please contact me at (701) 795-4261 if you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,  
MINNKOTA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

Craig Rustad  
Accounting Manager

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Duane Otto, Cavalier Rural Electric Cooperative  
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**2008 Renewable Energy Objective Annual Report**

**2008 North Dakota Renewable Energy and Recycled Energy Objective  
(North Dakota Century Code 49-02-34)**

**Reported to:  
North Dakota Public Service Commission**

**Reported by:  
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota)  
Northern Municipal Power Agency (NMPA)**

**Date: February 25, 2010**

This report is filed on behalf of the following cooperatives and municipals in North Dakota:

- Cavalier Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Grafton Municipal Utilities
- Park River Municipal Utilities

Another North Dakota member of Minnkota, Cass Electric Cooperative, Inc., filed its report separately.

North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-02-34 (2009) provides that, "Commencing on June 30, 2009, retail providers shall report annually on the provider's previous calendar year's energy sales. This report shall include information regarding qualifying electricity delivered and renewable energy and recycled energy certificates purchased and retired as a percentage of annual retail sales and a brief narrative report that describes steps taken to meet the objective over time and identifies any challenges or barriers encountered in meeting the objective. The last annual report must be made on June 30, 2016. Retail providers shall report to the public service commission, which shall make data and narrative reports publicly available and accessible electronically on the internet. Distribution cooperatives may aggregate their reporting through generation and transmission cooperatives and municipal utilities may aggregate their reporting through a municipal power agency."

1. Total North Dakota retail sales for 2008:

	<u>MWh</u>
Retail Sales to Cooperatives (Minnkota)	
Cavalier	37,148
Nodak	<u>830,296</u>
	867,444
Retail Sales to Municipals (NMPA)	
Grafton	55,847
Park River	<u>20,626</u>
	76,473
Total ND Retail Sales	943,917

2. Steps taken to meet the objective:

Starting with the construction of the first commercial-scale turbines near Valley City and Petersburg in 2002, Minnkota has been a leader in the growth of wind energy in North Dakota.

In 2007 Minnkota, along with Otter Tail Power, approached FPL Energy (now NextEra Energy) about the development of wind resources in North Dakota. This has resulted in the construction of large scale wind farms at Langdon and Ashtabula, North Dakota. As of December 31, 2008, the nameplate capacity of these facilities was 396.0 MW. Of that amount, Minnkota had 238.5 MW under long-term contracts.

Minnkota's wind contracts are sufficient to meet the North Dakota renewable energy objective for the three Minnkota associated cooperatives and two NMPA municipals located in North Dakota. In 2008, the Minnkota/NMPA joint system purchased wind energy equivalent to approximately 12% of its member's retail sales.

In 2009, Minnkota added additional wind to the wind generation portfolio (all in North Dakota) such that it currently has 357 MW under contract representing 30% of member load.

Sincerely,

MINNKOTA POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Loer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "L".

David Loer  
President & CEO