



5301 32nd Avenue S
Grand Forks, ND 58201
Phone 701.795.4000
www.minnkota.com

October 19, 2020

VIA U.S. MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Steve Kahl
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480
ndpsc@nd.gov

**Re: Project: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
Infinity Wind Project/Valley City
Case No: PU-10-100**

**Project: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
Infinity Wind Project/Petersburg
Case No: PU-10-100**

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for your consideration are one original and eight copies of the Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. supplement request for a waiver pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-09-09-10.

Should you have any questions please contact the undersigned. Thank you.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew C. Sorbo", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andrew C. Sorbo
Senior Manager Legal and Property

Encl.



5301 32nd Avenue S
Grand Forks, ND 58201
Phone 701.795.4000
www.minnkota.com

**Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
Infinity Wind Project/Valley City**

Case No. 10-100

**Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
Infinity Wind Project/Petersburg**

SUPPLEMENT TO PETITION FOR WAIVER

October 19, 2020

Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) operates two (2) wind turbine generators that comprise Minnkota's "Infinity Wind Project". The Infinity Wind Project turbines are located east of Petersburg, ND, along U.S. Highway 2, and east of Valley City, ND, along Interstate 94.

Each wind turbine has a capacity of 900 kW (.9 megawatts). The turbine near Petersburg meter data started October 24, 2001, with the first kWh produced July 12, 2002, and the turbine near Valley City meter data started January 22, 2002, with the first kWh produced July 12, 2002.


The requirements in Case No. PU-13-796, specifically North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) 69-09-09-03, include an annual filing of a certificate of operation due by April first of each year. NDAC 69-09-09-01 defines "Certificate of operation" as an affidavit executed by the owner certifying to the commission a facility's four factors: nameplate generating capacity; annual capacity factor; annual megawatt hour output; and monthly megawatt hour output.

NDAC 69-09-09-10 provides for a waiver of this chapter for the annual certificate of continuing operations wind energy conversion facility designed for or capable of generating no more than five megawatts of electricity for facilities that fall within 69-09-09-03, 69-09-09-06 or 69-09-09-08. It appears that this chapter would allow for a waiver of the above-referenced affidavit as Minnkota's Infinity Wind Project facilities do not generate in excess of five megawatts of electricity.

In order to effectuate a reduction in administrative costs borne by the Public Service Commission ("Commission") and by Minnkota when working through the annual certification process, which includes gathering of information, creation and filing of the Certification, in addition to the Commission's review of the Certification of operation, Minnkota requests a waiver of the requirement to file such Certification. This will save avoidable costs for both the Commission and Minnkota.

For the reasons set forth above, we respectfully request the Commission give consideration to granting a waiver in accordance with NDAC 69-09-09-10.



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

5301 32nd Avenue S
Grand Forks, ND 58201
Phone 701.795.4000
www.minnkota.com

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew C. Sorbo", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Andrew C. Sorbo
Senior Manager Legal and Property