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Ms. Tamie A. Aberle, Director, Regulatory Affairs
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
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Bismarck, ND 58501

RE: Post Construction Inspection, Case No. PU-10-164

Dear Ms. Aberle:

The North Dakota Public Service Commission retained a third-party vendor to conduct a post construction inspection under the authority provided for in the above referenced case. Below we provide a weblink to the third-party post construction inspection report for your review and a link to the Commission's order in this proceeding. We also list actions recommended in the post construction inspection report for follow-up by the Company to confirm compliance with the Commission order.

As per the post construction inspection report, the following actions should be undertaken with information documenting these actions provided to the Commission:

- Final restoration/reseeding according to NRCS guidelines on any areas disturbed by construction activities. (Certification Points 3, 6 and 17)
- Provision of the final hardcopy, electronic copy and GIS file as-built drawings. (Certification Point 32)
- Compliance with National Electric Safety Code. (Certification Point 8)
- Reports of any additional cultural, archeological, historical resources found, if applicable. (Certification Point 11)
- Confirmation that bird deterrents were placed along the route in areas corresponding to wetland habitats. (Certification Point 3)
- No reports filed as to the presence or lack thereof of threatened or endangered species or bald or golden eagles during construction and operation or mortality monitoring. (Certification Point 9)
- Fulfillment of Tree and Shrub Replacement and Survival Monitoring. (Company letter dated February 6, 2013)
- Reports of failure, injury, threatened and endangered, bird and bat death. (Certification Points 27 and 28)
- Mitigation of television and radio interference. (Certification Point 20)
- Compensation for landowners for crops and impacts to CRP status. (Certification Points 3, 4 and 25)

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- Aeronautics Commission requests: search of private airports, FAA consultation completed under Form 7460 (receipt of study results needed). (Certification Points 3 and 4)

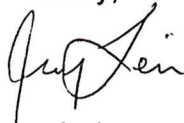
The construction report can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/10-0164/139-010.pdf>

The Commission Order can be found at:
<http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/10-0164/078-010.pdf>

Please forward your response to the recommended actions, confirming these activities are complete, and describe actions and timelines for activities that are not complete. Please provide this documentation within 30 days.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 701-328-1035.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Lein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "L".

Jerry Lein
Public Utility Analyst