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

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RE: Bison 2 Wind Project
Oliver/Morton Counties
Case No. PU-11-57

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed please find a copy of the letter dated August 1, 2011, from the Morton County Auditor informing Minnesota Power the Morton County Commissioners have granted a Conditional Use Permit to build Minnesota Power's Bison 2 Wind Project in Morton County, North Dakota. Minnesota Power is including ten copies for your records.

Please contact me at the number above should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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MORTON COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

210 2nd AVENUE NW
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DAWN R. RHONE, County Auditor



Morton County Conditional Use Permit Dated May 6th, 2011 Conditional Use Permits for Minnesota Power for Bison 2 Wind Project.

Minnesota Power
30 West Superior St
Duluth MN 55802

Dear Mr. Atkinson

The Morton County Commissioners have granted a Conditional Use Permit to build Minnesota Power's Bison 2 Wind Project in Morton County ND. Minnesota Power is in compliance with the Morton County's Wind Energy Model Ordinance to place twenty eight (28) 105 MW Wind Turbines in Township 140 Range 86 and 87 West in Morton County, ND. Minnesota has reached agreement with Morton County Commissioners on building up and use of section line roads under Morton County Jurisdiction.

If you have any questions please contact me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn R Rhone". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Dawn R Rhone
Morton County Auditor

August 1, 2011