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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

**RE: Minnesota Power's Bison 2 Wind Project
Siting Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the
Bison 2 Wind Project, Oliver and Morton counties, North Dakota
Case No. PU-11-57**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed an original and ten copies of ALLETE/Minnesota Power's Building Permits and Conditional Use Permit issued by Oliver County, and a letter from the Morton County Auditor granting Minnesota Power a Conditional Use Permit in that county relating to the above-referenced project.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding these permits.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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Enc.

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

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Oliver County building permit and conditional use permit

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OLIVER COUNTY

PERMIT NO. 620

- BUILDING PERMIT
- OCCUPANCY PERMIT
- CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
- TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
- OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PERMIT

GRANTED TO: Minnesota Power
(APPLICANT)

FOR: Bison II Wind Project
(USE)

LOCATION: See Application

With the understanding that the applicant will satisfy all conditions set forth in the Oliver County Zoning Ordinance and the applicant will satisfy any additional conditions deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners. Failure of the applicant to comply with these conditions will constitute a violation of the ordinance under section 18 and all penalties under section 18.3 apply..

ISSUED BY Doreia Helmers DATE: 6-9-11
(COUNTY COMMISSIONER)

RECEIVED BY: Kenneth Bennett DATE: 9-8-11
(APPLICANT SIGNATURE)

COMMENTS: Fee = 1/100 of 1% of total cost (\$32 million)
Fee = \$3,200.00

OLIVER COUNTY

PERMIT NO. 619

- BUILDING PERMIT
- OCCUPANCY PERMIT
- CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
- TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
- OUTDOOR ADVERTISING PERMIT

GRANTED TO: Minnesota Power
(APPLICANT)

FOR: Basin II Wind Project
(USE)

LOCATION: See file 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 - 141-85
25, 26, 35, 36 - 141-86

With the understanding that the applicant will satisfy all conditions set forth in the Oliver County Zoning Ordinance and the applicant will satisfy any additional conditions deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners. Failure of the applicant to comply with these conditions will constitute a violation of the ordinance under section 18 and all penalties under section 18.3 apply..

ISSUED BY Doraine Helmer DATE: 6-9-11
(COUNTY COMMISSIONER)

RECEIVED BY: Kenneth Bennett DATE: 9-8-11
(APPLICANT SIGNATURE)

COMMENTS: Fee Penalty
fee = \$75.00 + \$5.00/acres over 10 acres
= 75.00 + 5.00(0) = \$75.00

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MORTON COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

210 2nd AVENUE NW
MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA 58554

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 black ink that reads "Dawn R Rhone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dawn R Rhone
Morton County Auditor

August 1, 2011