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Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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RE: Letter of Intent to Submit Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for Meadowlark Wind I LLC's New Frontier Wind Energy Project, and Corporate Documents

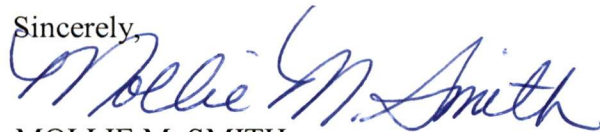
Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing an original and ten (10) copies of the following documents:

1. Meadowlark Wind I LLC's Letter of Intent to submit an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for its New Frontier Wind Energy Project;
2. A certified copy of the Meadowlark Wind I LLC Certificate of Formation from the Secretary of State of Delaware;
3. A Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State of Delaware for Meadowlark Wind I LLC;
4. A Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State of North Dakota for Meadowlark Wind I LLC; and
5. Corporation Details for Meadowlark Wind I LLC obtained from the North Dakota Secretary of State website.

Also enclosed herewith is a CD containing the above-referenced documents and this letter in PDF format. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,



MOLLIE M. SMITH

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Enclosures

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RE: Letter of Intent to Submit Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for Meadowlark Wind I LLC's New Frontier Wind Energy Project, and Request for Waiver of One-Year Notice Period

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Meadowlark Wind I LLC ("Meadowlark"), a Delaware limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of North Dakota, is filing this Letter of Intent ("LOI") to submit an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for a wind energy conversion facility pursuant to Chapter 49-22 of the North Dakota Century Code and Article 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. The proposed wind energy conversion facility will be known as the New Frontier Wind Energy Project ("Project") and will be located in McHenry County, North Dakota.

Waiver Request

Meadowlark requests a waiver from Section 69-06-03-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, which establishes a one-year notice period between filing the LOI and filing an application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility. Pursuant to Section 69-06-03-01, the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") may approve a shorter notice period, and Meadowlark requests that the one-year notice period be shortened from one year to three months.

In order to have an economically viable project, Meadowlark needs to be able to utilize the Federal Production Tax Credit ("PTC"), which is set to expire at the end of 2012. In order to qualify for the PTC, the Project must be operational by the end of 2012. Also, during Project development, Meadowlark needs to meet certain milestones, including obtaining required permits, in order to secure financing for the Project, which is essential to being able to obtain turbines and other long lead-time equipment necessary to construct the Project. For these reasons, Meadowlark requests a waiver of the one-year notice period in order to allow adequate time to receive permits, secure financing and complete construction of the Project by the end of 2012.

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As required by Section 69-06-03-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, Meadowlark provides the following information regarding the proposed Project:

Size and Type of Facility

The proposed Project is a wind energy conversion facility and its footprint consists of over 13,000 privately-owned acres of land located in southwestern McHenry County, North Dakota, just north of Ruso, North Dakota. Meadowlark anticipates that the Project's output will total approximately 99 megawatts ("MW") of wind energy capacity. Meadowlark continues to assess its turbine options, but anticipates that it will utilize a turbine model with an output of between 1.8 MW and 3.0 MW. The proposed Project plans to interconnect to the grid at the McHenry Substation near Voltaire, North Dakota. An approximately 12-mile-long, 115 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line will be constructed to facilitate the Project's interconnection at the McHenry Substation. In accordance with Section 49-22-03(12)(a) of the North Dakota Century Code, the proposed transmission line falls outside of the Commission's siting jurisdiction and will be permitted through McHenry County.

Area to be Served

Meadowlark has not yet identified the specific area or areas to be served by the Project. However, Meadowlark anticipates that the Project's output will serve the needs of one or more utilities located within the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator ("MISO") service territory, the Western Area Power Administration ("WAPA") service territory, or within a service territory adjacent to either the MISO or WAPA service territories.

Map of the Study Area for the Proposed Site

Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a map that depicts the study area for the proposed Project site.

Anticipated Construction and Operation Schedule

Meadowlark plans for the Project to be operational by the end of 2012. Meadowlark proposes to develop the Project on the following schedule:

- Second Quarter 2011 – File an application with the Commission for a Certificate of Site Compatibility.
- Fourth Quarter 2011 – The Commission grants a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the Project.
- Second Quarter 2012 – Begin construction of the Project.
- Fourth Quarter 2012 – Complete construction of the Project.

Estimated Total Cost of Construction

The total cost of the proposed Project is estimated to be approximately \$180 million.

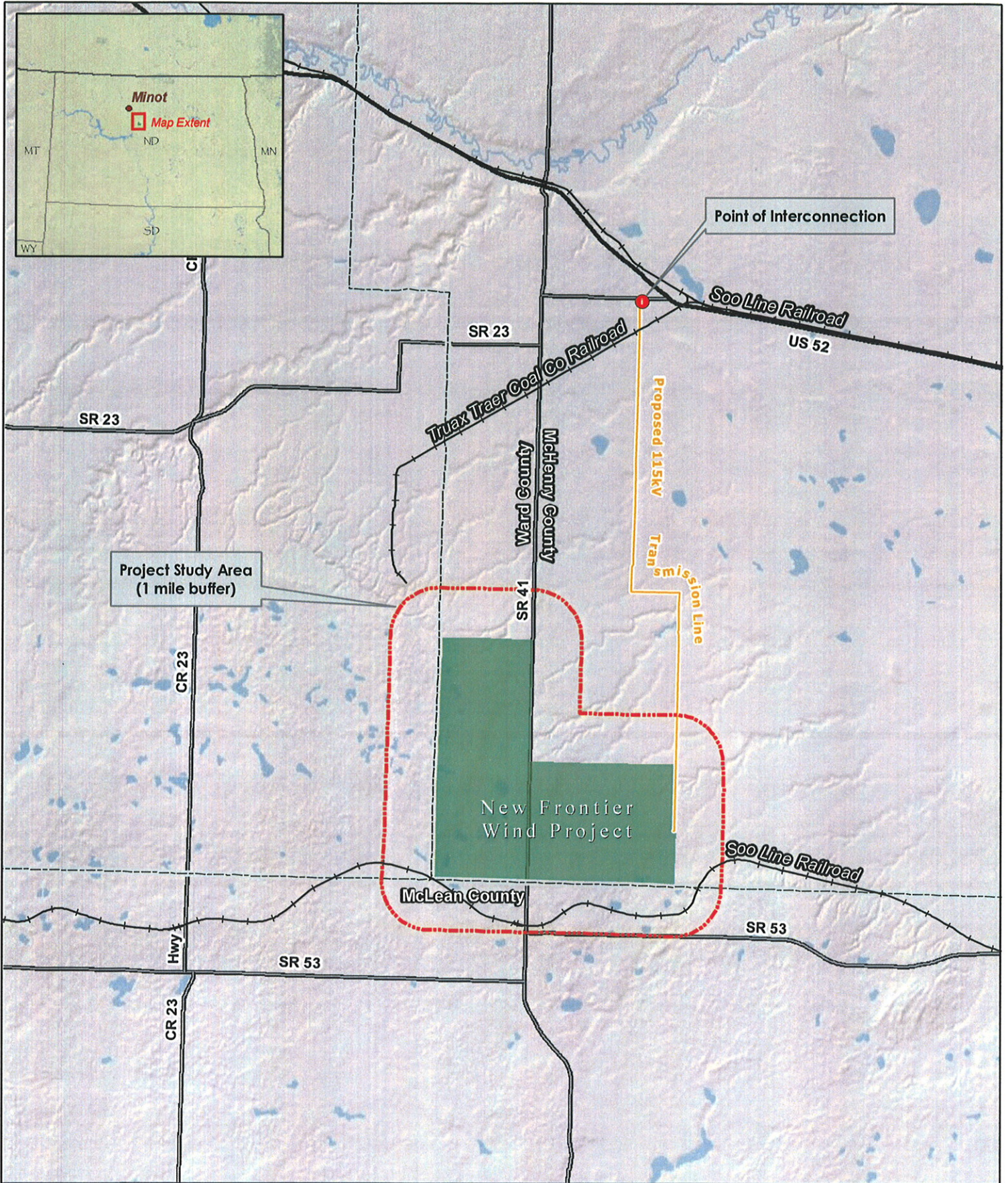
We look forward to working with the Commission on this matter. If you have any questions regarding the proposed Project or this Letter of Intent, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



MOLLIE M. SMITH

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Source: ESRI (2011), USGS (2011)

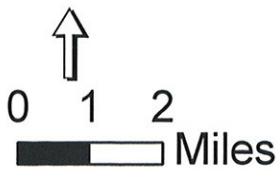


Exhibit A

New Frontier Wind
 Proposed Project
 Location Map
 McHenry County, ND