

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners Clark, Kalk and Cramer

Fr: Jerry Lein

Da: August 8, 2011

Re: 8-10-11 Agenda Briefing Memo – Bison 3 Wind Project Application, Case No. PU-11-57

My review of Minnesota Power's application for a certificate of site compatibility indicates that the requirements in the Commission's application guidelines have been addressed. Therefore, I recommend the application be deemed complete. However, there are some activities still underway:

1. Micro-siting: The company is in the process of evaluating turbine locations to provide final proposed sites prior to the hearing.
2. Wetlands Inventory: National Wetland Inventory data has been reviewed and field delineation is expected to be completed prior to the hearing.
3. Class III pedestrian cultural resource survey: A Class III pedestrian survey consultation and report is expected to be filed prior to the hearing.
4. Sound and Shadow Flicker studies are being completed and results are expected to be filed prior to hearing.

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