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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ms. Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco, General Counsel
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Minnesota Power, an Operating Division of Allete, Inc.
Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility, Bison 3 Wind Project
PSC Case No. PU-11-162, OAH File No. 2011-0299

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

The hearing for the captioned case was completed September 15, 2011, in accordance with the notice of hearing. I have delivered to the Commission the exhibits received at the hearing, together with an exhibit list, and the CD audio recording of the hearing made by Dakota Sound, and have returned to the Commission the documents filed with me for the hearing.

There does not appear to be any requirement for a hearing officer for the further proceedings to be had for the disposition of the case. Accordingly, I have closed the file of the Office of Administrative Hearings for the case.

The Office of Administrative Hearings was pleased to assist the Public Service Commission and the parties for the matter.

Sincerely,



Al. Wahl
Administrative Law Judge