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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 3 Wind Project
Siting Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the
Bison 3 Wind Project, Oliver and Morton counties, North Dakota
Case No. PU-11-162**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Attached please find an original and 10 copies of Minnesota Power's late-filed Exhibit 6, which was requested at the public hearing held on September 15, 2011. The Exhibit is:

Late-filed Exhibit 6 – SHPO (State Historical Protection Office) concurrence letter

Please contact me at the number above should you have any questions relating to this exhibit.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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Enc.

c: Dave Schmitz, Minnesota Power
Frank Frederickson, Minnesota Power
Jim Atkinson, Minnesota Power
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Ms. Christina Burns
Beaver Creek Archaeology
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NDSHPO REF.: 11-1723 PSC "Bison 3 Wind Project: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, Oliver and Morton Counties, North Dakota"

Dear Ms. Burns:

We reviewed NDSHPO REF.: 11-1723 PSC "Bison 3 Wind Project: A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory, Oliver and Morton Counties, North Dakota" and find the report acceptable. Thank you for the report.

If consulted by a federal or state agency, we would concur with "*No Historic Properties Affected*" and "*No Significant Sites Affected*" determinations provided the project is of the nature stated and it takes place in the plotted locations in the above-referenced report.

If you have questions please contact Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

C: Mr. Patrick Fahn, PSC