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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:

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

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

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. 631

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

GRANTED TO: Minnesota Power
(APPLICANT)

FOR: Bison III Wind Project
(USE)

LOCATION: See File

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 D. Gene Halverson DATE: 9-8-11
(COUNTY COMMISSIONER)

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

COMMENTS: Fee = \$75.00 + \$5.00 / Acre over 10 Acres
= \$75.00 + \$5.00(0) = \$75.00

OLIVER COUNTY

PERMIT NO. 632

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(APPLICANT)

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ISSUED BY Doreine Holman DATE: 9-8-11
(COUNTY COMMISSIONER)

RECEIVED BY: Kenneth J. Benoit DATE: 9-8-11
(APPLICANT SIGNATURE)

COMMENTS: Fee = 1/100 % of total building cost (\$ 22,428,571)
= \$2,243.00

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MORTON COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

210 2nd AVENUE NW
MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA 58554

DAWN R. RHONE, County Auditor



DATE: September 9, 2011

TO: Minnesota Power
c/o Ken Benoit
30 W Superior St
Duluth MN 55803

RE: Special Use Permit for Bison 3 Wind Energy Project

30 Wind Turbines total of 90MW.

Total cost \$134,571,429.00

One tenth of One Per Cent (0.1%) of the total Project Cost.

AMOUNT
\$ 134,571.00

TOTAL \$ 134,571.00

Please make check payable to:
Morton County Treasurer
210 2nd Ave NW
Mandan ND 58554

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Belinda Eckroth". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Belinda Eckroth
Planning & Zoning Director