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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: ALLETE Clean Energy through Thunder Spirit Wind, LLC
Thunder Spirit Wind Project
Case No. PU-11-601

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find attached ALLETE Clean Energy's weekly construction reports for the weeks ending **June 19 and June 26, 2015** in the above-referenced case. Please also note on the June 19, 2015 Report, an update on the Underground Cable Incident from June 15, 2015.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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Thunder Spirit Wind progress reports – weeks
ending 6-19 & 6-26-2015

Allete, Inc.



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Thunder Spirit Wind Weekly PSC Update

Case #: PU-11-601

Week Ending 06/26/2015

Wanzek continued work on stripping topsoil and building string roads to seven additional turbine sites. They excavated a total of four turbine foundations and poured mud mats. Rebar crews tied four anchor cages for foundations. Wanzek placed concrete on the first four foundations this week. The electrical collection crews began directional drilling and trenching the first home run circuit. The electrical crews continued to install conduit in the pedestals of the turbine foundations.

Workforce:

ALLETE Clean Energy - 2

Wanzek - 93

Nordex - 0



Thunder Spirit Wind Weekly PSC Update

Case #: PU-11-601

Week Ending 06/19/2015

Wanzek continued work on stripping topsoil and building string roads to 5 turbine sites. They excavated 3 foundations and poured mud mats at all 3 foundations. Rebar crews finished tying bottom rebar mats at 2 turbine sites and finished top mat and pedestal rebar at 2 other turbine sites. The electrical collection crews installed ground rods at 2 foundations and conduit at one foundation.

On Monday, June 15, 2015, the Thunder Spirit Wind Project site team was notified by Wanzek that 2 underground cables had been cut while they were working on the substation subgrade. Wanzek shut down work immediately and attempted to contact Consolidated Cable, but they were unable to reach a representative. Wanzek had previously called North Dakota One Call before and excavation began, and the area was clear of hazards. Wanzek's One Call verification was confirmed on the North Dakota One Call website following the incident. Following our notification, an email was sent to the North Dakota Public Service Commission that night and an official incident report was filed the next day. On Tuesday, June 16, 2015, Wanzek received confirmation from Consolidated Cable that the two lines were "dead" and abandoned, and work resumed the next day.

Workforce:

ALLETE Clean Energy - 3

Wanzek - 92

Nordex - 0