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VIA EMAIL: NDPSC@ND.GOV

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 report for the week ending **September 11, 2015** in the above-referenced case.

Yours truly,

David R. Moeller

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Attachments

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Thunder Spirit Wind progress report – week ending
9-11-2015

Allete, Inc.



Thunder Spirit Wind Weekly PSC Update

Case #: PU-11-601

Week Ending 09/12/2015

Wanzek's civil crews continued reclaim work around turbine sites and wind turbine string roads. The electrical collection crews continued trenching from tower to tower. They also continued setting padmount transformers and terminating conductor in turbines. The substation crew finished dressing the main power transformer, added oil and started transform pre-energization testing. Substation crews also continued to weld buss bars, and install the ground grid.

Nordex continued deliveries this week and has completed 25 full turbine sites. There were also numerous other nacelles, drivetrains, hubs, blades and tower sections delivered. Wanzek has fully erected 9 turbines, built 15 rotors, and completed 2 mechanical completion inspections.

On Friday, September 11, 2015, electrical collection crews cut through an active fiber optic line. A separate incident report has been filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission for this event.

On Saturday 12, 2015, an OSHA recordable incident occurred during testing of Thunder Spirit Circuit four. A contractor came into contact with a live electrical wire and received electrical burns on his arm. A full investigation into the incident is taking place and a final report will be filed with the PSC.

Workforce:

ALLETE Clean Energy - 5

Wanzek - 158

Nordex - 17