

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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| Keith and Deanna Kessler,<br><br>Complainants/<br>Petitioners,<br><br>v.<br><br>Minnesota Power, a division of ALLETE,<br>Inc.,<br><br>Respondent. | Case No. PU-20-194<br>OAH File No. 20200211<br><br><b>AFFIDAVIT OF TODD SIMMONS</b> |
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STATE OF MINNESOTA    )  
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COUNTY OF ITASCA    )

Todd Simmons, being first duly sworn on oath, states as follows:

1. My name is Todd Simmons. I am the General Manager of Generation Operations for Minnesota Power, a division of ALLETE, Inc. (“Minnesota Power”).

2. I have been personally involved with the captioned matter and specifically with Minnesota Power’s efforts to analyze and evaluate options for the removal and/or relocation of Turbine 441 in anticipation of an order being issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”), and in connection with a submission to the Commission regarding the same. That submission, which is the letter signed by Mollie Smith being filed herewith today (the “Minnesota Power 7/22/21 Letter”), contains the present results of Minnesota Power’s analysis, coordination, and investigation with Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy (“SGRE”) about the removal and/or relocation of Turbine 441. SGRE is continuing its efforts to determine the feasibility and schedule availability of the removal of Turbine 441.

3. I, along with others with whom I work and rely upon, have provided the factual information set forth in Minnesota Power 7/22/21 Letter. That information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge as of the submission of the Minnesota Power 7/22/21 Letter.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
Todd Simmons

Sworn and subscribed to before me  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2021.

  
Notary Public

