



# Public Service Commission

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**RE: Minnesota Power  
202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project - Morton Cty  
Siting Application  
Case No. PU-25-304**

Dear Ms. Furey:

The North Dakota Public Service Commission is reviewing the above-reference application.

To complete the review, please provide answers to the following list of questions.

1. Table 3.1-1 indicates that archaeological / cultural resources are not present. However, Section 5.4 indicates they are present. Please update the Table.
2. Table 3.2-1 indicates that historical resources which are not designated as exclusion areas are not present. However, page 49 of the application indicates that historic farmsteads and cemeteries are in the Project Area but will be avoided. Please update the Table.
3. Please file copies of all Class I and Class III Cultural Resource reports with the Commission.
4. Please file copies of all architectural inventory reports with the Commission.
5. Please file a copy of the Noxious Weed Management Control Plan with the Commission and copies of correspondence with Morton County Weed Board related to its approval.
6. Page 54 of the application indicates that there are mineral interests managed by the North Dakota Department of Trust Lands located beneath (i.e., outside) the Project Area. However, Figure 8 shows mineral interests located throughout the Project Area. Does the ND Department of Trust Lands also own these parcels?

7. Please describe how the geotechnical evaluation that has yet to be performed will inform the layout and design of the project. Also, if any unstable areas are present as indicated on Page 53, please update Table 3.2-1 accordingly.
  - a. When is the geotechnical evaluation expected to be complete?
  - b. File the geotechnical evaluation upon completion.
8. Were the two active bald eagle nests surveyed in 2025 and discussed on page 70 outside the Project Area? Are there a total of two or four nests that were identified? How far away are they from the nearest turbine?
9. Please identify/describe the areas that (1) each wildlife survey covered, and (2) that the associated Study Area covered.
  - a. Did each wildlife survey cover the entire Project Area?
  - b. Was each wildlife Study Area defined as 1-mile around the perimeter of the Project Area?
10. In the December 2, 2024, meeting notes the North Dakota Game and Fish Department recommended avoiding any grasslands within a 2-mile buffer of grouse leks. Is MN Power committed to following this recommendation?
11. Please provide a table showing the distance of all the Leks from the nearest turbine location broken to active and inactive leks, noting the Lek ID for all historical, 2024, and 2025 surveys. Please also indicate if they are in the Project Area or Study Area.
12. How does Minnesota Power intend to enforce and monitor a 25-mph speed limit during the project construction knowing that 3rd party contractors and subcontractors will be required to follow such requirement?
13. What is the status of all SHPO concurrences?
14. Provide a summary table showing the receptor name, participation status, predicted sound level, nearest turbine ID, distance to nearest turbine ID, and predicted shadow flicker.

Sincerely,



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