

Case Number: PU-25-304

Case Description: 202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project - Morton Cty

Analyst Initials: AR

<b>Original Dollar Value of Investment in ND</b>	
<b>Application Investment Amount in ND</b>	780,118,200.00
<b>Total Investment</b>	<u><u>780,118,200.00</u></u>

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<b>Siting Admin Fee*</b>	50,000.00	1400 - 510 - 464160 JE: <u>2603598</u>
<b>Total Fees Due</b>	<u><u>150,000.00</u></u>	

**Siting Admin Fee:**

\* For new or transfer siting applications only. Not amendments.

\*Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, \$200 for each \$1 million of original investment, not to exceed \$50,000

**Siting Application Fee:**

Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For a certificate of site compatibility, \$500 for each \$1 M of investment in the facility. Not less than \$10k or more than \$100k.

Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For a certificate of corridor compatibility, \$5,000 for each \$1 M of investment in the facility. Not less than \$10k or more than \$100k.

Per NDCC 49.22.1-21 & 49-22-22, For an amendment, amount to be determined by commission to cover expenses, discuss with PUD Director.

Excess Application Fee is refundable.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Minnesota Power respectfully submits this application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (ND PSC) for a Certificate of Site Compatibility (Certificate) to construct the Longspur Wind Project (Project), which will have a nameplate capacity of up to 202.5 megawatts (MW). The Project consists of up to 45 wind turbines, 12 alternative wind turbine locations, access roads, electrical collection lines and communication systems, a Project substation, an Aircraft Detection Lighting System (ADLS) radar tower, an operations and maintenance (O&M) facility, and one permanent meteorological (MET) tower. The Project Area encompasses approximately 26,100 acres in Morton County, North Dakota. Project infrastructure and the Project Area are included on the Figures in this application.

Minnesota Power plans to construct an approximately 2.5-mile-long, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Transmission Line) to connect the Project's substation to the existing Tri-County 230-kV Substation in Mercer County, which will also serve as the Project's Point of Interconnection. Per ND PSC regulations, a separate application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit is required for the transmission line, which Minnesota Power is filing concurrently with this application.

Minnesota Power, an operating division of ALLETE, Inc., requested proposals for up to 400 MW of wind generation. The Project was chosen in an open process of competitive bids in Minnesota Power's 2024 Wind Request for Proposals with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Interconnection of the Project consists of two Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) interconnection requests (J2097 and J2157) for 100 MW each into Minnesota Power's 230-kV Tri-County Substation. The Project interconnection requests are awaiting MISO Phase 3 results in MISO's 2021-Cycle study group, which will reveal final interconnection costs, and are scheduled to be released in early Q1 2026. Following the Phase 3 results, Minnesota Power will negotiate the Generator Interconnection Agreement (GIA), which is scheduled to be executed by the end of Q2 2026.

Concurrently with this application, Minnesota Power is also filing a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility (Corridor Certificate) and Transmission Facility Route Permit (Route Permit) for the 2.5-mile-long Transmission Line in Morton and Mercer Counties, North Dakota. Pursuant to North Dakota Century Code (N.D.C.C.) Section 49-22-13, Minnesota Power respectfully requests that the hearing on this application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility be consolidated and held on the same date and in conjunction with the hearing on its separately filed application for the Transmission Line's Corridor Certificate and Route Permit.

The Project and Transmission Line will create up to 11 full-time operations and maintenance (O&M) jobs, most of which are expected to reside locally. The Project and Transmission Line will create approximately 350 temporary construction jobs. Minnesota Power estimates that the Project and Transmission Line will provide approximately \$33 million in state tax revenue over 35 years and approximately \$19 million in sales tax. The Project also will provide approximately \$62 million in payments to participating landowners for over 35 years, which will not only benefit those landowners, but also the local economy as that money is reinvested in local goods and services. Minnesota Power estimates that the total cost for the Project and Transmission Line would be approximately \$791 million.

Minnesota Power is a Minnesota public utility headquartered in Duluth, Minnesota. Minnesota Power supplies retail electric service to 150,000 retail customers, including some of the nation's

**Renfandt, Adam L.**

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Hi Adam, The estimated costs of the transmission line are \$10,881,873.00.

Thanks,

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project cost

Hi Casey,

I only see a combined total of \$791M for the wind facility and the transmission line. Can you please provide separate totals, so we can process the admin fees.

Thanks,

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