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Via Electronic Mail & Hand Delivery

Mr. Brian Johnson
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In re: Minnesota Power
Longspur Wind Project - Morton County
Siting Application
Case No. PU-25-304

-and-

Minnesota Power
Longspur Wind 230-kV Transmission Line - Morton & Mercer Counties
Siting Application
Case No. PU-25-305
OAH File No. 20260031
Our File No. 111345-000003

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed for filing please find Minnesota Power's Application for Protection of Information related to protection of cultural resources information in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-02-09-02(2), one copy of the protected material is enclosed herewith and one original and seven copies of the public portions of the application were previously provided to the Commission on January 22, 2026 and May 6, 2026.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey A. Furey

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BEFORE THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Minnesota Power
202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project – Morton County
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-25-304

**Minnesota Power
Longspur Wind 230kV Transmission Line –
Morton and Mercer Counties
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-25-305

APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

On December 30, 2025, Minnesota Power filed an Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility (PU-25-304) and a Consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit (PU-25-305). Subsequently, on January 22, 2026, Minnesota Power filed a Class I and Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Report with the Commission. Case No. PU-25-304, Docket No. 7, Attachment B; Case No. PU-25-305, Docket No. 7, Attachment C. On May 6, 2026, Minnesota Power filed a Class I and III Cultural Resource Survey Addendum and an Architectural and Viewshed Report with the Commission. Case No. PU-25-304, Docket No. 26, Attachments A & B; Case No. PU-25-305, Docket No. 28, Attachments A & B. The three reports referenced above are collectively referred to herein as the “Public Reports”. The Public Reports contain confidential information identifying the location of cultural, archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites and thus redacted copies were provided to the Commission. Subsequently, at the public hearing in the above-referenced matter, Minnesota Power received a request to file the confidential, unredacted versions of the Public Reports.

Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-01, Applicants submit this application to protect certain confidential information filed in this matter from disclosure. Specifically, this application seeks protection of the location of certain cultural, archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites under N.D.C.C. § 49-22-26. Section 49-22-26 provides the Commission “may limit access to, and release of, information that contains data that specifically identifies the location of cultural, archaeological, historical, or paleontological sites.” Therefore, Applicants request that protection be given to the redacted portions of the resource and site location information contained in the Public Reports.

Applicants are providing an unredacted, nonpublic version of each of the three Public Reports that were previously filed with the Commission. Pursuant to N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-09-02, one copy each of the non-public version is provided with this application in a sealed package marked PROTECTED INFORMATION – PRIVATE. Applicants request that this information be available only to the Commission, the Commission’s counsel, the Commission’s siting analysts, and the Administrative Law Judge.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2026.

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