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**RE: Minnesota Power
Longspur Wind 230kV Trans Ln - Morton & Mercer Cty
Siting Application
Case No. PU-25-305**

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.

12. Table 3.1-1 / Table 3.2-1 indicates that archaeological / cultural / historic resources are not present in the Project Corridor or Route. However, Section 5.4 indicates they are likely present. Please update the Table.
13. Do each of the wildlife surveys cover the entire Project Corridor? Please explain if not and the area they do cover.
14. Is Northern long-eared bat likely absent from the Project Corridor and Study Area? Application refers to their absence from the "Project area." Please explain.
15. Page 41 of the application indicates that two eagle nests were found in the survey area and that none were in the Project Corridor. Were any in the Study Area of the transmission line?
16. Page 47 indicates that 7,813 acres of native, unbroken grasslands were surveyed in 2025, and of those 2,965 acres were identified as potential Dakota skipper habitat. How many acres were surveyed in the Project Corridor and were identified as potential habitat?

- a. What is meant by how 17 patches of suitable habitat resulted in 20.96 acres within the surveyed grasslands? Also, how does this relate to what was in the Project Corridor?
17. Please confirm no leks are in the Study Area of the transmission line.
 18. How many acres of unbroken grassland are within the Project Corridor, and how many acres will be affected by construction?
 19. Please file copies of all Class I and Class III Cultural Resource reports with the Commission.
 20. Please file copies of all architectural inventory reports with the Commission.
 21. Please file a copy of the Noxious Weed Management Control Plan with the Commission and copies of correspondence with the Morton County and Mercy County Weed Boards related to its approval.
 22. File copies of the geotechnical and geophysical analysis that are to be performed when complete.

Sincerely,



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