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27 January 2026

Hope L. Hogan, Director
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Re:
Minnesota Power
202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project – Morton Cty
Siting Application
Case No. PU-25-304

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

Dear Ms. Hogan:

Enclosed is a request for an Administrative Law Judge for the above-captioned cases. The Commission has not yet issued a Notice of Hearing. When the Notice is issued, we will forward it to your office.

The Administrative Law Judge will serve as a procedural law judge, and the hearing will be electronically recorded.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Best regards,

Christopher Martens
General Counsel

Enclosures

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Attachment
Request for ALJ
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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE--APPEAL, APPLICATION, OR PETITION
 NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
 SFN 17819 (Rev. 06-2007)

Name of Agency, Board, or Commission
 North Dakota Public Service Commission

The above named agency, board, or commission requests designation of an administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Minnesota Power, 202.5 MW Longspur Wind Project – Morton Cty, Siting Application, PSC
 Case No. PU-25-304 and Longspur Wind 230kV Trans Ln – Morton & Mercer Cty, Siting Appl., PSC Case No. PU-25-305

(e.g., application of [name], appeal of [name], petition of [name]). Authority for the administrative action is found in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 38-14.1 _____ (North Dakota Century Code and/or North Dakota Administrative Code).

Please attach related documents and correspondence.

The administrative action is more fully described as follows:
 On 30 December 2025, Minnesota Power submitted an Application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility in Morton Cty and Consolidated Application for Certificate of Corridor Compatibility & Transmission Facility Route Permit [Morton & Mercer Cty]

It requests designation of an administrative law judge (please check one):

- To conduct the hearing and issue **recommended** findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.
- To serve as a **procedural** administrative law judge only (no recommended decision). The agency head will be present at the hearing as required by NDCC 28-32-31(5). See NDCC 54-57-04.
- To conduct the hearing, issue findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a **final** order.

PLEASE MAKE A REQUEST FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE HEARING.

Please list parties, including the agency if it is a Party, and Representation [attorney (or other)] if known, or Agency Contact: (Attach separate list if necessary.)

AGENCY See attached	Address	Telephone Number
Representation	Address	Telephone Number
PARTY	Address	Telephone Number
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Additional Comments
 The Notice of Hearing has not yet been issued. When the Notice is issued, we will forward to your office.

(For agencies required to use OAH, notice of hearing will be issued by the administrative law judge, unless a procedural administrative law judge is requested. Other requesting agencies and agencies requesting a procedural administrative law judge should first contact OAH about scheduling a hearing. If notice has already been issued, attach a copy of the notice.)

Typed or Printed Name and Title of Requesting Person Christopher Martens, Special Assistant Attorney General	Date 1/27/2026
Signature of Requesting Person 	Telephone Number (701) 328-7660