

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

**Case No. PU-25-304**

**Minnesota Power**  
**Longspur Wind 230kV Tans Ln – Morton & Mercer Cty**  
**Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-25-305**

**ORDER ON APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION**

OAH File No. 20260031

August 5, 2026

Preliminary Statement

[1] On June 19, 2026, Minnesota Power filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect against public disclosure of cultural, archaeological, historical, and paleontological location information.

Discussion

[2] The information Minnesota Power seeks to protect is the location of certain cultural, archaeological, historical, and paleontological location information contained in the Class I and Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Report filed with the Commission on January 22, 2026 (Case No. PU-25-304: Dkt # 7, attch. B; Case No. PU-25-305: Dkt. #7, attch. C); and the Class I and III Cultural Resource Survey Addendum and an Architectural and Viewshed Report filed with the Commission on May 6, 2026, (Case No. PU-25-304: Dkt. #26, attch. A & B; Case No. PU-25-305: Dkt. No. 28, attch. A & B). Minnesota Power requested access to the redacted portions of these reports be restricted to the Commission, Commission's counsel, Commission's siting analysts, and the Administrative Law Judge.

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[3] North Dakota Century Code 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.”

[4] Staff believes that the application satisfies the requirements of the law, which allows the Commission to grant protection of information in this proceeding.

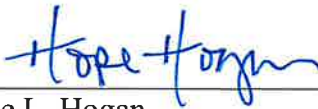
[5] Minnesota Power’s application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

[6] Minnesota Power’s application for protection of information dated June 19, 2026, is **GRANTED.**

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 5 day of August 2026.

State of North Dakota  
Public Service Commission

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned certifies that the original of the **ORDER ON APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF INFORMATION** was sent by electronic mail on the 5 day of August 2026 to:

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