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August 14, 2026

Via Electronic Mail & Hand Delivery

Mr. Brian Johnson
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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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 in the above-referenced matters, please find eight copies of the Preconstruction Conference Call Minutes and Notice of Intent to Commence Construction.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey A. Furey

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cc: Adam Renfandt (via email)
Loretta Marshik (via email)
Erik Edison (via email)

Jim Klempir (via email)
Mitchell Bettenhausen (via email)
Alex Luman (via email)

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**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 Trans Ln – Morton & Mercer County
Siting Application**

Case No. PU-25-305

**PRECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION**

Minnesota Power hereby provides the Commission with written notice of its intent to commence construction of the above-referenced projects (the “Projects”) as early as August 17, 2026. Minnesota Power will coordinate with the Commission’s construction inspector, SEH of North Dakota, LLC, to facilitate attendance for initial topsoil stripping.

Preconstruction conference call date and time: August 13, 2026, 9:00am – 9:27am CT.

Attendees:

North Dakota Public Service Commission (“NDPSC”):

- Adam Renfandt, NDPSC, Public Utilities Analyst arenfandt@nd.gov

NDPSC Construction Inspector, SEH of North Dakota, LLC (“SEH”):

- Loretta Marshik, SEH lmashik@sehinc.com

On behalf of Minnesota Power:

- Mitchell Bettenhausen, ALLETE Clean Energy
- Jim Klempir, ALLETE Clean Energy
- Alexander Luman, ALLETE Inc.
- Benjamin Reister
- Cheryl Froelich
- John Hollingsworth
- Nick Fee
- Scott Monroe
- Grant Johnson, Mortenson
- Emma Helm, Mortenson
- Shane Himsl, Mortenson
- Casey A. Furey, Crowley Fleck PLLP, Local Counsel

August 13th Meeting Minutes:

Call commenced at approximately 9:00am CT with participant introductions.

NDPSC Public Utilities Analyst Adam Renfandt referenced the Commission's August 12, 2026 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order") issued in the above-referenced cases.

PSC staff read Wind Project Certification Relating to Order Provisions:

No. 3 requiring project permits to be filed with the Commission.

No. 7 governing topsoil removal.

Group discussion regarding timing of topsoil removal and anticipated commencement on or around the week of August 24. Minnesota Power will coordinate with SEH regarding timing and a site visit for observation of the same.

No. 11 requiring the filing of monthly project status reports.

No. 15 governing depth of topsoil removal.

No. 23 reclamation discussion.

Group discussion that winter topsoil removal must be approved by the Commission. At this time, Minnesota Power does not anticipate winter topsoil removal will be necessary.

No. 34 requiring post construction filing of GIS and project design specs.

No. 38 governing filing requirements for project modifications.

Group review of Commission's Tree and Shrub Mitigation Specifications.

Group discussion regarding Commission's Certification Relating to Order Provisions for the transmission project. Similar requirements as those discussed by the team for the wind project. Route adjustments are governed by Provision No. 38.

Minnesota Power indicated it has entered into a Road Use Agreement with Morton County, and a copy will be filed with the Commission.

SEH to perform a construction inspection, as-built inspection, and reclamation inspection.

Minnesota Power anticipates road work could commence as early as August 17, 2026, subject to compliance with other requirements in the Commission's Order.

Project representatives and SEH shared contact information and discussed coordinating timing of notice for topsoil removal with Project representatives. Loretta Marshik, Project Manager for SEH, will be the respective SEH representative for the Projects.

Minnesota Power's contact person for landowners during construction will be Mitchell Bettenhausen, whose contact information is:

Mitchell Bettenhausen
Project Manager
Email: mbettenhausen@alletecleanenergy.com
Telephone: 701-640-3000

Call ended at approximately 9:27am CT.