



May 17, 2006

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
127 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

**RE: Comments and Recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Commerce
Energy Facility Permitting Staff
Docket No. PT6528/WS-06-91**

Dear Dr. Haar:

Attached are the Comments and Recommendations of the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Facility Permitting Staff in the following matter:

The Application of High Prairie Wind Farm 1, LLC for a Site Permit for the 98.9-Megawatt High Prairie Wind Farm in Mower County Minnesota

The Department is also providing you with:

- A. DOC EFP Staff Exhibit List
- B. Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions
- C. Proposed Site Permit

The Department EFP staff recommends approval of the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions that grant a site permit and approval of the EFP staff proposed site permit to High Prairie Wind Farm 1, LLC for the proposed 98.9-Megawatt High Prairie Wind Farm.

Staff is available to answer any questions the Commission may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry B. Hartman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LARRY B. HARTMAN
DOC EFP Staff

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Attachments