



TETRA TECH, INC.

September 28, 2006

Mr. Dan Stinnett
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Minnesota Field Supervisor
4101 American Blvd. East
Bloomington, MN 55425

**RE: Project Area Environmental Scan
Maxim Project No. 6551074.100**

Dear Mr. Stinnett:

Tetra Tech is conducting an investigation of property in Mower County as a potential location for expansion of the High Prairie wind-powered energy facility. We previously sent a letter dated November 23, 2005 requesting the USFS review its records and conduct a search for state listed species and critical habitat information. This correspondence is a follow up to see if any additional information has come available since the initial request.

While the project is still in the planning and development stage, it is estimated that the facility will consist of approximately 61, 1.65 megawatt (MW) turbines, a collector substation and transmission line, and will be connected to an existing substation. We are requesting information on portions of the tracts listed in the following table.

While many details, including the exact location of wind turbines and precise route of the transmission line, have yet to be determined, the area shown in the attached figure is the primary focus of our investigation.

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Development will not occur in areas located within the city limits of Taopi or Elkton

This information will be used to help guide project development in a manner that avoids impacts to sensitive resources where practicable. We have sent similar query letters to other state and local agencies. We will also conduct a site survey of areas proximal to proposed facilities in order to determine the presence of wetlands, areas of cultural significance, and prairie habitat.

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If you are able, we would appreciate a response by October 27, 2006. Please contact me at 406-248-9161 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Tetra Tech, Inc.



Jeffrey R. Rice
Project Manager,
Natural Resources

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cc: Haven Westerman (Tetra Tech, Billings)
Rebecca Longley (TtEC, Boston)

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September 28, 2006

Daryl Franklin
Mower County Planning and Zoning
1105 1/2 8th Avenue NE
Austin, MN 55912

**RE: Project Area Environmental Scan
Maxim Project No. 6551074.100**

Dear Mr. Franklin:

Tetra Tech is conducting an investigation of property in Mower County as a potential location for expansion of the High Prairie wind-powered energy facility. We previously sent a letter dated November 23, 2005 requesting assistance in identifying planning or zoning issues, planned infrastructure improvements or any other issues you may be aware of within the project area. This correspondence is a follow up to see if any additional information has come available since the initial request.

While the project is still in the planning and development stage, it is estimated that the facility will consist of approximately 61, 1.65 megawatt (MW) turbines, a collector substation and transmission line, and will be connected to an existing substation. We are requesting information on portions of the tracts listed in the following table. We are specifically interested in such information relating to planning or zoning issues, county regulations, planned infrastructure improvements, or any other issues you may be aware of within the project area.

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September 28, 2006

Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator
Mower County
201 1st Street NE
Austin, MN 55912

**RE: Project Area Environmental Scan
Maxim Project No. 6551074.100**

Dear Mr. Oscarson:

Tetra Tech is conducting an investigation of property in Mower County as a potential location for expansion of the High Prairie wind-powered energy facility. We previously sent a letter dated November 23, 2005 requesting assistance in identifying information related to county planning and coordination and wetlands under the Wetland Conservation Act. This correspondence is a follow up to see if any additional information has come available since the initial request.

While the project is still in the planning and development stage, it is estimated that the facility will consist of approximately 61, 1.65 megawatt (MW) turbines, a collector substation and transmission line, and will be connected to an existing substation. We are requesting information on portions of the tracts listed in the following table.

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September 28, 2006

Tom Balcon, Program Supervisor
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Review
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4040

**RE: Project Area Environmental Scan
Maxim Project No. 6551074.100**

Dear Mr. Balcon:

Tetra Tech is conducting an investigation of property in Mower County as a potential location for expansion of the High Prairie wind-powered energy facility. We previously sent a letter dated November 23, 2005 requesting assistance in identifying notable State wildlife interests, sensitive species habitats, and any other special or sensitive environmental conditions. This correspondence is a follow up to see if any additional information has come available since the initial request. Please note that we sent a Minnesota Natural Heritage Information System Data Request Form to sarah.hoffman@dnr.state.mn.us. A copy of the completed request form is included at the end of this letter.

While the project is still in the planning and development stage, it is estimated that the facility will consist of approximately 61, 1.65 megawatt (MW) turbines, a collector substation and transmission line, and will be connected to an existing substation. We are requesting information on portions of the tracts listed in the following table.

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September 28, 2006

Chief Robert Whiting
US Army Corp of Engineers
Regulatory Division
190 Fifth Street East
St. Paul, MN 55101-1638

**RE: Project Area Environmental Scan
Maxim Project No. 6551074.100**

Dear Mr. Whiting:

Tetra Tech is conducting an investigation of property in Mower County as a potential location for expansion of the High Prairie wind-powered energy facility. We previously sent a letter dated November 23, 2005 requesting assistance in identifying wetland resource areas and any other special or sensitive environmental conditions. This correspondence is a follow up to see if any additional information has come available since the initial request.

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