

June 7, 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. PT6530/WS-06-157**

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 MinnDakota Wind, LLC for a Site Permit for the up to 100-Megawatt MinnDakota Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota

The Department is also providing you with:

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

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 MinnDakota Wind, LLC.

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

Sincerely,



DAVID E. BIRKHOLZ
DOC EFP Staff

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Attachments