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State of Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon, Chair Senate Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications Committee 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room G-9 St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-1606

Representative Bill Hilty, Chair House Energy Finance and Policy Committee 559 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Senator Julie A. Rosen, Ranking Minority Member Senate Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications Committee 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. State Office Building, Room 109 St. Paul, MN 55155-1206

Representative Torrey Westrom, Lead GOP House Energy Finance and Policy Committee 273 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. St Paul, MN 55155

Subject: Legislative Report Required by Minn. Stat. § 216F.012, subd. (c)

Dear Senators Solon and Rosen, Representatives Hilty and Westrom:

The subject statute requires that the Public Utilities Commission issue an annual report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the House of Representatives and Senate committees with primary jurisdiction over energy policy and natural resource policy regarding any variances applied for and not granted under subd. (b) of the same section, relating to wind energy projects and increased setbacks from state lands that may be negotiated with the Department of Natural Resources. No variances were requested in 2009.

Please contact me if you have questions.

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