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Subject: Comfrey Large Wind Energy Conversion System  
Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Site Permit Amendment  
Docket Number: IP6630/WS-07-318

Dear PUC:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would like to thank the PUC for the opportunity to review and comment on the Site Permit Amendment for the Comfrey wind project located in Brown and Cottonwood Counties, Minnesota.

The DNR recommends the Site Permit Amendment include a condition that requires post-construction fatality monitoring for one year. Including the condition will bring the Site Permit in line with requirements that are being included for other wind projects. If included as a condition, the DNR recommends the company review the Avian and Bat Survey Protocols For Wind Energy Projects at: [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/pubs\\_landuse.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/pubs_landuse.html). The company should develop the monitoring protocol in coordination with the Department of Commerce-Energy Environmental Review and Analysis, and the DNR.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

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