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VIA E-FILING

Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place E., Ste. 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Red Pine Wind Project, LLC for a Large Wind Energy Conversion System Site Permit for the 200 MW Red Pine Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota
PUC Docket No. IP-6646/WS-16-618

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On April 27, 2017, administrative law judge Barbara Case (“ALJ”) filed her Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law (“Report”) and recommended that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue a site permit to Red Pine Wind Project, LLC (“Red Pine”) to construct and operate the up to 200.1 MW Red Pine Wind Project in Lincoln County, Minnesota (“Project”). Red Pine appreciates the ALJ’s recommendation as well as the thoroughness and quality of her Report.

Red Pine supports the recommendations set forth in the Report, including the changes to the Project’s Draft Site Permit recommended in paragraph 6 of the Conclusions of Law. In addition, Red Pine offers the following updates to the ALJ’s Report based on filings made after the Report was issued:

- Red Pine filed an updated version of the Project’s Avian Bat Protection Plan on May 12, 2017. Thus, the blank date in Section 7.5.1 of the Draft Site Permit (as recommended for revision by the Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff) could be revised to reference this May 13, 2017 date.
- In addition, Red Pine also recently filed a Prairie Protection and Management Plan, a Potential Native Prairie Assessment, a Wetland Delineation Report, and a Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey Report.

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In summary, Red Pine respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the ALJ's Report and issue a site permit for the Project in accordance with the ALJ's recommendations at the Commission's earliest possible convenience.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Stoel Rives LLP

s/ Sarah Johnson Phillips

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kathy Prestidge, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document(s) to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States Mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota:

**LETTER ON BEHALF OF RED PINE WIND PROJECT, LLC IN
SUPPORT OF ALJ RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Dated this 15th day of May, 2017

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