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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Attn: Daniel Wolf, Executive Secretary 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Notification of forthcoming Request to Extend Current Site Permit Amendment

Dear Mr. Wolf:

We would like to inform you that Comfrey Wind Energy, LLC ("Comfrey") will be submitting a request to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("MPUC") for a site permit amendment extending the deadline for commencing construction of the 31.5 MW Comfrey Wind Project ("Project"). If the MPUC does not amend the Permit as allowed by Minn. R. 7854.1300, subp. 2 we will lose the ability to complete development.

We seek the permit amendment so that we can continue to develop the Project and achieve commercial operation on or before December 31, 2016. The MPUC last amended the site permit to extend the deadlines for obtaining a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") and beginning construction in May of 2013. Since then we've been faced with a number of challenging situations (including again uncertainty of the Federal Production Tax Credit ("PTC") renewal and a shortage of capital) that have prevented us from getting the Project done before the expiration of the amendment on May 9th, 2015. We're now better positioned to complete the development of the Project. The PTC has been renewed, a credible off-taker is interested, and we've engaged wind energy development consultants (**Red**Wind Consulting, LLC), whom bring expertise, know-how, and relationships to leverage.

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Furthermore, we've continued to invest significant time and money in advancing the Project. We've responded to renewable energy Requests for Proposals ("RFP") and proactively sent proposals to over two dozen potential off-takers. We've also updated our financial model, obtained engineering, procurement & construction ("EPC") and wind turbine quotes, and spoken with investors. Additional development work is in process such as executing construction contracts and obtaining construction-related permits. We have <u>not been simply sitting</u> on the permit.

We believe the MPUC has good reason to amend the permit. The Project will allow us to provide affordable energy to our communities' right here in Minnesota ("MN") in an environmentally responsible manner. Also, public policy in MN favors Community Based Energy Development ("CBED") facilities such as Comfrey.

Please accept this letter as our formal notification that we will send a request for extension of the current site permit amendment. We anticipate filing a more substantive request for amendment no later than, Monday, June 15th, 2015.

Yours truly,

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