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Response To: Susan L. Peirce Information Request No. 54
MN Department of Commerce

Date Received: March 3, 2008

Question:

RE: MRES Response to OES #34

In the 2007 REO Report to the Legislature, MRES reported generation from the following facilities: Zephyr 8, Freedom 9, and Elk River biomass. None of these facilities is reported in the Companies recent response to OES #34. Are these facilities still in use by MRES? If so, please provide the information requested in OES #34 for each facility.

Response:

In past years Missouri River Energy Services (“MRES”) has listed the City of Moorhead owned wind turbines (Zephyr 8 and Freedom 8) in the MRES REO filings for Minnesota. The attributes were netted out to a zero as Moorhead itself uses those attributes for its “Capture the Wind” green pricing program. Because the net effect was zero for Missouri River Energy Services, it was administratively determined to discontinue the reporting of those attributes on the Missouri River Energy Services report. We believe reporting Moorhead Wind as REO/RES is nonsensical since it will continue to be 100% utilized in the future under a green pricing program.

And although Missouri River Energy Services has an option to purchase a limited amount of energy generated by Elk River biomass, we have not exercised that option.

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