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Ms. Pam Bonrud
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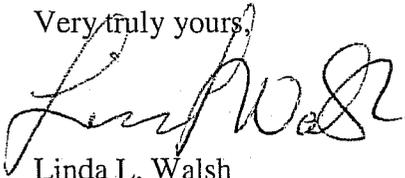
RE: In the Matter of the Filing by Superior Renewable Energy
LLC, et al., against Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Regarding
the Java Wind Project, Docket No. EL04-016

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

I have enclosed a copy of the Affidavit of Jeff Ferguson of Superior Renewable Energy LLC's for filing in the above-captioned proceeding. A hard copy of this filing is also being sent to you by overnight mail. A copy of this filing is being sent (electronically and by overnight mail) to each of the parties on the service list.

Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Linda L. Walsh
Counsel for Superior Renewable Energy LLC and Java LLC

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BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)
SUPERIOR RENEWABLE ENERGY LLC ET AL.)
AGAINST MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO.)
REGARDING THE JAVA WIND PROJECT) DOCKET NO. EL04-016

AFFIDAVIT OF JEFF FERGUSON ON BEHALF OF
SUPERIOR RENEWABLE ENERGY LLC

My name is Jeff Ferguson and my business address is 1600 Smith Street, Suite 4240,
Houston TX, 77002. I presently serve as Chief Operating Officer of Superior Renewable
Energy ("Superior Renewable"). My experience and background information is contained the
testimony I previously submitted in this proceeding on January 6, 2005.

I have been heavily involved in the Java LLC project from its beginning and am very
familiar with the costs and expenses attributable to that project. During the past three years
Superior Renewable has gone to considerable time and expense to develop the Java Wind
project in South Dakota. The following expenditures for meteorological, engineering, and
consulting services, as well as securing land leases, interconnection agreement fees,
easements and permits costs, amount to approximately \$593,011. The details of these
expenses are as follows:

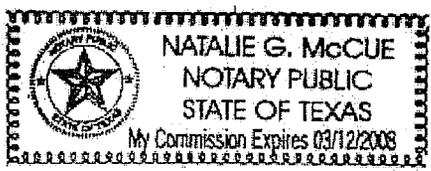
- Meteorological
- Initial project wind site assessment - \$1,721.00
- Meteorological (Met) Towers purchased used to collect wind data - \$42,000.00
- Analysis of wind data and site reviews and assessment - \$18,300.00
- Met tower maintenance, repair and installation - \$17,000.00
- Engineering
- Wind turbine certification assessment study - \$17,000.00
- General engineering consulting and site assessment - \$5,300.00

- 1 Environmental Consulting
- 2 Phase I Environmental site assessment and geotechnical work - \$10,625.00
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- 4 Legal Fees and Consulting
- 5 These fees include preparing land leases and easements, legal proceedings and general
- 6 consultations associated with the Java project - \$380,000.00
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- 8 Land Leases
- 9 Superior Renewable has leased 4,834 through private landowner option/easements.
- 10 Initial option payments to landowners - \$25,765.00
- 11 Continued rental payments per year – Approx. \$4,800.00
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- 13 Transmission and Interconnection
- 14 Interconnection agreement fees with MISO - \$60,000.00
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- 16 Transmission Easement
- 17 Superior Renewable has secured approximately two miles of transmission easements needed
- 18 for the Java Wind Project.
- 19 Initial landowner compensation - \$10,000.00
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- 21 Permitting
- 22 All major permits have been investigated and are 90% complete. No construction or siting
- 23 permits have been acquired; however these are usually procedural. Approval for the project
- 24 has been given by all local agencies including the Walworth County commissioners and the
- 25 U.S Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 26 Railroad Crossing Permit for wire line crossing - \$500.00
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32 _____
33 Jeff Ferguson

34 Subscribed and sworn before me
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36 this 30th day of ~~January~~ ^{September} 2005.

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39 _____
40 Notary Public



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42 My Commission Expires: 03/12/2008

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