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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57504-5070

**Re: PrairieWinds SD1, Inc. – PrairieWinds SD1 Wind Energy Facility Application**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The following files were placed on the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission FTP site on December 30, 2009:

1. Final PUC Application 12-18-09.pdf (Application text).
2. Appendix A.pdf (Figures).
3. Appendix B.pdf (Site Selection Study).
4. Appendix C.pdf (NRC Vegetation Mapping Report).
5. Appendix D.pdf (WEST Preliminary Wildlife Study).
6. Appendix E.pdf (Cultural Resources Records Review).
7. Appendix F.pdf (Agency Letters and Responses).
8. Appendix G.pdf (PrairieWinds EIS Preliminary Scoping Report).
9. PWSD1 SD PUC application cover letter.pdf (Application Transmittal Letter).

If you should have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this letter or the application materials, please contact me at 701.557.5495.

Sincerely,



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