## Exhibit 19 No. 17

5-5) Did the developers of Beethoven or Juhl locate their QF facilities near an existing substation with available capacity to minimize their network upgrade costs? Did either of the above referenced developers build and pay for a transmission line to interconnect their project to an existing substation? Please explain.

Response: Juhl Wind requested interconnection to NorthWestern's system on lines that have capacity available to interconnect 20 MW. However, they did not request to interconnect to existing substations. They selected interconnection points in the middle of the line, which will require construction of a new substation for each project.

The developer of Beethoven paid for and built an 115kV transmission line to NorthWestern's existing Tripp Junction Substation. Juhl Wind has not yet built a project interconnected to NorthWestern's System or, to NorthWestern's knowledge, any transmission line.