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Pam Bonrud  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: In the Matter of the Filing by Superior Renewable Energy LLC et al Against  
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. Regarding the Java Wind Project

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's general counsel has requested the parties in the above-referenced matter submit a proposed procedural schedule. Commission Staff has received schedules from Superior and MDU. Commission Staff believes that the reasons set forth by MDU for its schedule is the more reasoned approach to such a docket. Commission Staff would propose the following schedule:

- December 20: Discovery deadline
- January 20: Superior prefiled testimony
- February 22: MDU prefiled testimony
- March 10: Staff prefiled testimony
- March 24: Superior rebuttal testimony
- March 28: Prehearing conference/Motions hearing
- April 4-8: Hearing; a briefing schedule can be determined following the hearing.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Cremer  
Staff Attorney

cc: Parties of record  
Michele Farris  
Keith Senger