

September 6, 2013

Via Regular Mail

Dr. Burl Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: IN THE MATTER OF NEW ERA WIND FARM'S SITE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A 78 MW LARGE WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM IN GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA DOCKET NO. IP6701/WS-08-1233

IN THE MATTER OF NEW ERA WIND FARM'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED /CN-09-1186

IN THE MATTER OF NEW ERA WIND FARM'S POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS /M-09-1349 and M-09-1350

Dear Dr. Haar:

Xcel Energy has previously filed information with the Commission regarding the voluntary termination of the two New Era power purchase agreements.

New Era Wind Farm, LLC ("New Era") hereby withdraws its request for approval of an updated Avian and Bat Protection Plan Including Bird and Bat Conservation Strategies and an Eagle Conservation Plan (ABPP) as submitted in November 2012. New Era also requests that the Commission terminate its Site Permit as conditionally granted in August 2011.

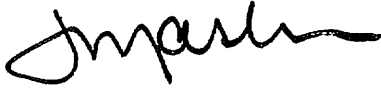
New Era also withdraws its application for an extension of the Certificate of Need as previously granted by the Commission.

New Era no longer intends to develop a wind energy project in Goodhue County, and respectfully requests that the Commission close all four dockets and all pending matters related thereto.

Dr. Haar  
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Sincerely,

New Era Wind Farm, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Mastic". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Peter Mastic  
Chief Manager