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Subject: Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need
Heartland Wind, LLC
Case Number 09-1066-EL-BGN

Dear Examiner Agranoff:

This Staff memo addresses a motion for waivers filed by the Applicant, Heartland Wind, LLC, on November 6, 2009 and a subsequent clarification motion filed on November 24, 2009. The Applicant requests a waiver of: the one-year filing time requirement, providing an extensive site selection study, providing a map of vegetative cover and requirements for cross-sectional views and test borings.

Staff does not object to the waiver requests made by the Applicant. Staff intends to thoroughly review the Applicant's site selection study as part of its evaluation of this application. Therefore, Staff reserves the right to require information from the Applicant in areas covered by the waiver request, as determined necessary during the course of its investigation. The Staff also reserves the right to investigate and contest all other issues presented in the application.

Very truly yours,

Klaus Lambeck, Chief
Facilities, Siting & Environmental Analysis Division

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