South Shore Energy LLC

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October 30, 2023

<u>VIA ERF</u> Cru Stubley, Secretary Public Service Commission of Wisconsin P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854

Re: Quarterly Reports Docket Numbers 9698-CE-100 and 9698-CE-101

Dear Secretary Stubley:

In accordance with Condition 17 of the Commission's Final Decision and Order in the abovelisted Docket No. 9698-CE-100 and Condition 7 of the Commission's Final Decision and Order in the above-listed Docket No. 9698-CE-101, Dairyland Power Cooperative, Nemadji River Generation LLC. and South Shore Energy, LLC. (collectively the Owners), submit this progress report for the quarterly period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023 for the Nemadji Trail Energy Center Project (NTEC).

Status of Construction (9698-CE-100 Order Point 17; 9698-CE-101 Order Point 7):

Construction has not yet commenced for either the generator or the transmission line. The project timeline is subject to both regulatory proceedings and permit issuance, both of which are still underway. The project schedule has been changed from the previous compliance filing to better align the construction schedule with the potential for clearing regulatory and permitting developments. NTEC will continue to provide updates as the permitting and regulatory milestones evolve. At this time, the Project construction schedule is as follows:

General NTEC Construction Schedule					
On-site relocation work	April 2024 - December 2024				
Sheet pile wall construction	April 2025 - October 2025				
BOP Mobilize to site	April 2025 -May 2025				
Site and BOP Construction	2024 - 2028				
Commercial operation	2028				

Status of Project Related Permits and DNR Consultations: (9698-CE-100 Order Points 10 and 17; 9698-CE-101 Order Point 7):

Permit	Agency	Responsibility	Status	Summary of Consultation
CPCN- NTEC Generator	PSCW	NTEC	Received	Complete

CPCN- NTEC 345kV HVTL	PSCW	NTEC	Received	Complete
CA- 16" Natural Gas Lateral	PSCW	SWL&P	Received	Complete
CA- 10" Natural Gas Reroute	PSCW	SWL&P	Received	Complete
Construction Air Permit (PSD)	WDNR	NTEC	Received	Complete
Utility/Wetland Permit	WDNR	NTEC	Submitted	Complete
404 Wetland Permit Coverage	ACOE	NTEC	Submitted	Site review complete with WDNR and ACOE on 6/24/20. Public notice complete
Generator Stormwater Permit	WDNR	NTEC	Submitted	Complete
Linear Stormwater Permit	WDNR	NTEC	In progress	Application to be resubmitted 2024

Status of engagements of Independent Environmental Monitor:

NTEC has engaged with an Independent Environmental Manager prior to construction in accordance with Conditions 12 and 16 in Dockets 9698-CE-100 and 9698-CE-101.

Status of rare plant survey

In accordance with Condition 11 in Docket 9698-CE-100, the Owners must conduct a survey for rare plant species. Rare plant surveys were conducted July 2022 and August 2022. Rare plants were identified within one proposed access road and the road has been rerouted to avoid impacts. Rare plant surveys were also conducted July 2023 and August 2023. Results were shared with WDNR.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Daniel McCourtney Nemadji Trail Energy Center