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Minnesota Power Updates Wind Resource Request

Minnesota Power has updated its Wind Resource Request originally released on December 3, 2010. An updated Request for Proposal has been posted to Minnesota Power's website at www.mnpower.com under "Rates & Rights" in the "Customer Service" section of the website.

An addendum to the original request identifying the changes "Addendum #1" is also posted to this site for all interested parties who have already downloaded the original Resource Request file.

Minnesota Power provides retail electric service within a 26,000-square-mile area in northeastern Minnesota to 144,000 customers and wholesale electric service to 16 municipalities. More information can be found at: www.mnpower.com.

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