

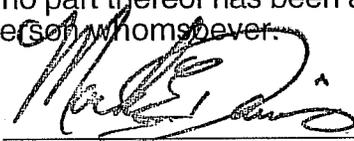
# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
County of Spink: ss.

I, Mark E. Davis, of said County & State, being first duly sworn on oath, say that THE REDFIELD PRESS is a legal weekly newspaper as defined in Sec. 65.0508 South Dakota Code 1939, as amended by Chapter 298 of the Session of Laws of 1939, printed and published in the English language in the City of Redfield, in said County and State, by THE REDFIELD PRESS, and has been such newspaper during the time hereinafter mentioned, and that I Mark E. Davis, the undersigned, am Publisher of said newspaper in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit, and that the legal or official notice entitled:

## # 14 South Dakota Utilities Commission, Notice

A printed copy of which is hereto attached, was printed and published in said newspaper in 1 issue, to wit: The first publication being made on January 19th 2005 that the full amount of the fee charged Fourty - Two and 06/100 Dollars, insures to the benefit of the publisher of THE REDFIELD PRESS, that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.



Notary Public, South Dakota

My commission expires 11/10/09.

# Notice of Public Hearing

## #14 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold a

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simple cycle gas turbine  
County, approximately five miles south  
of the city of Groton. The proposed site  
is located five miles south of the city of  
Groton, three miles north of the com-  
munity of Ferney and 18 miles south-  
east of the city of Aberdeen, all of which  
is in Brown County. The proposed nat-  
ural gas supply pipeline will originate  
from the existing Northern Border  
Pipeline located in the SE 1/4 of Section  
11, Township 120 North, Range 61  
West in Spink County, South Dakota.  
The turbine will be fired by natural gas  
supplied by the nearby Northern Border  
Pipeline's existing 42" diameter inter-  
state transmission line. This proposed  
project location will require approxi-  
mately 12 miles of new pipeline to be  
installed to interconnect the gas turbine  
site with the major pipeline. The pro-  
posed site has an existing Western  
Area Power Administration (Western)  
115-kV substation and a Basin Electric  
345-kV substation. An existing 345-kV  
transmission line owned by Basin  
Electric and a 115-kV line owned and  
operated by Western currently pass  
within 1/2 mile of the site. This site will  
be operated remotely with daytime sup-  
port personnel for operating and main-  
tenance activities. The construction  
phase of the project will take place over  
a period of 12-15 months. A maximum  
of approximately 30-40 construction  
personnel will be on site at any given  
time.

The Commission finds that good  
cause exists to schedule a public input  
hearing pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15  
and 49-41B-16. The purpose of the  
hearing shall be to hear public com-  
ment regarding Basin Electric's applica-  
tion. The public input hearing will be  
held on Thursday, February 3, 2005, at  
6:00 p.m. at Coors, Stark and

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