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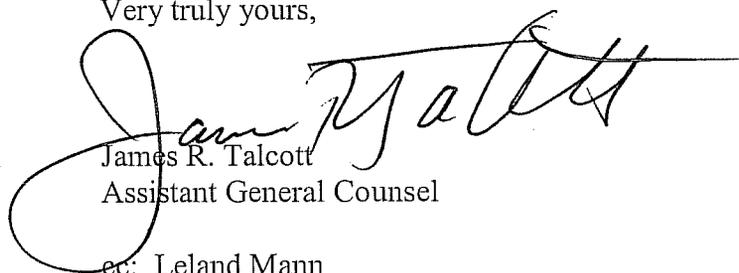
Pam Bonrud
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
For an Energy conversion Facility Permit for the Construction of a Combustion
Turbine Generator Near Groton, South Dakota

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Enclosed please find the Application for Party Status of Northern Natural Gas Company.
Should you have any questions, kindly contact me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


James R. Talcott
Assistant General Counsel
cc: Leland Mann

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) APPLICATION FOR PARTY
BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE,) STATUS
INC. FOR AN ENERGY CONVERSION)
FACILITY PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION) EL04-041
OF A COMBUSTION TURBINE GENERATOR)
NEAR GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA)

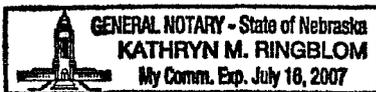
Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, Northern Natural Gas Company (Name of Applicant) petitions the Public Utilities Commission to be granted party status in the above-referenced transmission facility permit proceeding.

Signature of Applicant James R. Talcott Assistant General Counsel

Date Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February 2005.

Notary Public Kathryn M Ringblom

(SEAL)



Residing at

My Commission expires

NOTE: Consistent with SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, this application must be filed with the Public Utilities Commission within 60 days from the date Basin Electric Power Cooperative's application was filed. The facility application was filed December 22, 2004. Therefore, this Application for Party Status form must be filed in the Commission's offices on or before February 21, 2005.

Pam Bonrud Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Pierre, SD 57501-5070