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That said newspaper is a legal newspaper published five days or more each week; with a bona fide circulation of more than two hundred copies daily; published in the English language within the said county of Brown for more than one year prior to the first publication of said notice; and printed in whole in an office maintained at the place of publication of said newspaper; That the whole amount of the fee paid for the publication of the annexed notice is \$ 192.60, which insures solely to the benefit of said publisher; That no agreement or understanding for a division thereof had been made with any other person; and That no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever.

Mary Best

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Jan, 2007.

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[Signature]

Notary Public, Brown County, SD.

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My commission expires March 20, 2007

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
DOCKET EL07-00
WHEN: Monday, February 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Coco's Steak and Seafood, Junction of Highway 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public input hearing of the above-named Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Basin Electric) seeking to construct a second peaking resource generator at the existing Graton Generation Station Unit 2 Project. The proposed project is a 100 megawatt simple cycle natural gas combustion turbine generator. At the hearing, interested persons may appear and present their views regarding the application. Pursuant to SDCL 49-2B-15(5), the application and all other documents in this case may also be accessed at www.puc.sd.gov under "Commission Actions." Commission Docket EL07-0027. The parties to this proceeding are currently Basin Electric and any person residing in the area of the project. Basin Electric is a governmental agency in the project area, any non-profit organization, promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, or to promote the orderly development of the project area. groups, or to promote the orderly development of the project area. granted formal party status in this proceeding by making written notice available at the public input hearing on or before March 6, 2007. For approval, Basin Electric must show that the proposed energy project complies with all applicable laws and rules. Basin Electric will not pose a threat of serious and substantial impairment to the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants of the region with due consideration to the orderly development of the region with due consideration to the governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon the evidence presented, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied or granted with modifications of the construction, operation or maintenance of the project. The parties will have the right to appeal the final decision in this case by serving and filing a notice of appeal of the decision in this case with the Commission and filing a notice of appeal of the decision in accordance with SDCL 49-2B-15(5) (30) days after the date of service of the notice of final decision. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you need special arrangements to be made to accommodate you. The Commission is located at 1000 East 10th Street, Pierre, SD 57501. Phone: (605) 773-3809; Fax: (605) 773-3809; www.puc.sd.gov; TDD: (605) 773-3809.