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Elkton Public Schools

“Striving Towards Excellence”

Tony Simons – Superintendent

November 28, 2007

Mr. Dustin Johnson

Public Utilities Commission

Capitol Building – 1st Floor

500 East Capitol Ave.

Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Dear Mr. Johnson:

My name is Tony Simons. I am the Superintendent of Schools for the Elkton Public School District.

I am writing to support the South Dakota Energy Efficiency Partnership Plan that has been submitted to the PUC by OtterTail Power Company. My board president and I have read the plan and believe it meets the needs of OtterTail customers and the Elkton Public School.

Saving energy is in the best interest of South Dakota schools. This program will allow our schools the opportunity to work with OtterTail to implement energy saving lights, motors, heat, and air conditioning which we can pay for out of our capital outlay budgets and see a savings in our utility costs which are paid for out of general fund dollars. When we install these energy saving devices, we receive a rebate through OtterTail. This is a win-win situation for our school.

The Elkton Board of Education and I strongly urge you to approve OtterTail's plan so we can begin to work with them to save energy and taxpayer money. This program needs your support and urgent approval.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Yours in Education,

Tony Simons