



May 11, 2010

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capital
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: In the Matter of the Application by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. for an Energy Conversion Facility Siting Permit for the Deer Creek Station Project Combined-Cycle Natural Gas Energy Conversion Facility and associated infrastructure, including a water supply system and electric transmission system. EL09-015.

Dear Commissioners:

Brookings County would like to go on record showing support for a positive ruling from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC) on Docket EL09-015.

Brookings County has reviewed Stipulation EL09-015 and find the Findings of Facts to be accurate. The Conclusions of Law are beyond our scope of review, but we do find the fifty-five (55) Stipulations to be fair to our citizens of Brookings County.

Please contact Stephanie Vogel at 605-696-8205 if you have any questions pertaining to this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Dennis Falken", is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis Falken
Chairperson