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August 24, 2009

Brookings County Auditor
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**Re: Basin Electric Power Cooperative – Deer Creek Station
Dockets: EL09-015 and HP09-002**

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Enclosed is Basin Electric's State Siting Applications to support the Deer creek Project. If you or members of the public wish to review the Applications on line, please go to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission websites: <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2009/el09-015.aspx> and <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2009/hp09-002.aspx>.

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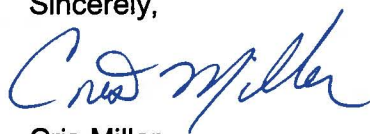
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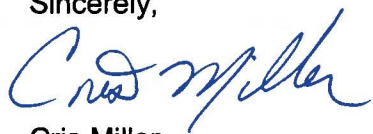
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