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Deer Creek Station Local Review Committee for Brookings County Tony Simons, Vice-Chairman Elkton, SD

September 25, 2009

Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capital Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

The Deer Creek Station Local Review Committee for Brookings County met on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

At this meeting, the committee chose Mr. Greg Jongeling to serve as staff to the committee pursuant to SD State Statute 49-41B-8. The committee voted unanimously to request \$10,500.00 plus any applicable sales tax from the PUC to employ Mr. Jongeling to assist the Local Review Committee to carry out the local review committee's responsibilities.

I have enclosed a biography of Mr. Jongeling's background and qualifications.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Tony Simons

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**Gregg Jongeling**, the Local Review Committee's choice to prepare the Deer Creek Station Assessment Report, has over 30 years experience in government public works projects and private consulting services. Gregg will bring a wealth of experience and local knowledge to the process of preparing the report and assessing the impact of the Deer Creek Station Project.

Prior to agreeing to prepare this Assessment Report, Gregg was a Senior Project Manager for Banner Associates Inc. of Brookings, SD, where he was the Construction Manager for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System pipeline installation project. In his five years with Banner, Gregg managed eight separate contracts worth over 100 million dollars with four major construction contractors. He was involved in project coordination and land owner satisfaction on projects from Vermillion to Sioux Falls. He also coordinated projects with the City of Pipestone, MN, and Brookings County in South Dakota. He retired from Banner Associates in February of 2009.

From 1978 through 2003, Gregg was employed by the City of Brookings, SD, first as Assistant City Engineer (1978-1985) and then as City Engineer until his retirement in October of 2003. Working under general guidance of elected officials, he had total responsibility for project design and construction. He directed public employees in all facets of maintenance and construction activities and provided support in all planning, zoning and housing inspection programs of the City.

Previous to this, Gregg held various positions with the South Dakota Department of Transportation in Pierre and Sioux Falls. He had extensive training in environmental issues, noise mitigation, and water quality assessment.

Gregg Jongeling holds a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering from South Dakota State University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa and is also a Licensed Land Surveyor in South Dakota. He is a member of the American Public Works Association, the South Dakota Professional Engineering Society, and the South Dakota Society of Professional Land Surveyors.