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**Sent:** Friday, May 27, 2011 9:20 AM  
**To:** Hanson, Gary (PUC)  
**Subject:** BHP Wind Project

Dear Commissioner Hanson:

I am Jim Aberle the Executive Director of Black Hills Vision, a group that is engaged in the business of promoting economic development in the Black Hills area of South Dakota. The purpose of this letter is to express the support of the Black Hills Vision Board of Directors for the Black Hills Power Wind Project proposed to be built north of Belle Fourche, SD.

We are in support of this project because it will not only bring renewable resources to western South Dakota, but also bring jobs and business opportunities to Belle Fourche and the surrounding communities which will help further economic development efforts in western South Dakota. In addition, this project provides an opportunity for a new era of electric power generation which would be available to our communities and would reflect South Dakota's commitment to support renewable power generation when it can be done at a reasonable cost.

Thank you in advance for your support and interest in this very worthwhile project.

Jim Aberle  
Executive Director  
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