



May 25, 2011

Dear Commissioner Kolbeck:

My name is Teresa Schanzenbach and I am the Executive Director of the Belle Fourche Development Corporation. I am writing you this letter on behalf of the Belle Fourche Development Corporation Committee to state our support of the Black Hills Power Wind Project proposed to be built north of Belle Fourche, SD.

The Belle Fourche Development Corporation Committee is supportive of this project as it will bring needed jobs and businesses to the northern Black Hills. Currently Belle Fourche experiences an out migration of residents who find their employment as far away as Gillette, Wyoming. The construction jobs that will be created from this project along with the additional goods and services needed during the construction phase will have a significant positive impact on the community.

In addition, the wind project will bring renewable resources to western South Dakota and will help South Dakota's commitment to establish renewable energy sources. As one of the top wind producing states in the United States, South Dakota stands poised and ready to show they are a major player in the field of renewable energy. We urge you to take a stand and agree that it is good public policy to build this renewable energy project in Belle Fourche.

Sincerely,

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