



May 25, 2011

Dear Commissioner Nelson:

My name is Rich Drabek and I currently serve as the Board President of the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce. I am writing you this letter on behalf of the over 300 members that currently make up the Belle Fourche Chamber and to show our support of the Black Hills Power Wind Project slated to be built north of Belle Fourche, SD in 2012.

The Belle Fourche Chamber is supportive of this project as it will have a positive impact on Butte County, bringing jobs and renewable generation to the area. Like many small communities in South Dakota, Belle Fourche felt the effects of the recent economic downturn. Main street businesses struggle and the school district has made major changes in the way they operate to accommodate the legislature's recent budget cuts. Significant taxes will be generated by the Black Hills Power Wind Farm that will help Belle Fourche get back on track. On behalf of them, I urge you to take a stand and agree that it is good public policy to build this renewable energy project in Belle Fourche.

Sincerely,

Rich Drabek, Chamber Board President
Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce

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