



June 1, 2011

Mr. Gary Hanson, Vice Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1st floor  
500 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Vice Chairman Hanson:

The Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support of the Black Hills Power Wind Project. We believe the construction of the 20 megawatt wind farm to be built north of Belle Fourche will have a positive impact to our economic development and bring renewable energy resources to western South Dakota.

Our Chamber is a membership organization that represents 1300 businesses and over 34,000 employees in the Black Hills area. On behalf of our member businesses, we join forces with the Northern Hills Chambers and request your authorization of the Black Hills Power Wind Project.

The Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce is a strong advocate for responsible energy development. We feel the Black Hills Power Wind Project will be an environmentally friendly, cost effective source of power for our region, thus benefiting our local businesses and our future economic development.

We request your confirmation that the Black Hills Power Wind Project is a reasonable, cost effective and an appropriate energy resource to meet the needs of consumers and South Dakota's renewable energy objectives.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Linda Rabe, CCE, IQM  
President & CEO

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cc Steve Kolbeck, Chairman  
Chris Nelson, Commissioner