



May 27, 2011

Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Commissioners:

On May 26, the Board of Directors of the Sturgis Economic Development Corp. (SEDC) voted to support the Black Hills Power Wind Project proposed to be built north of Belle Fourche, SD.

The SEDC Board supports this project because it will bring renewable resources to western South Dakota and positively impact economic development efforts in the region. This project represents both a new era of electric generation to our communities and a commitment to renewable generation at a reasonable cost.

Black Hills Power is an exceptional community partner. SEDC applauds their efforts in growing the region's economic base and energy generation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Kurtenbach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "P" and "K".

Pat Kurtenbach
President

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