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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capital  
Pierre, SD 57504-5070

Re: South Dakota Renewable Energy Objective Report

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In previous years, Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) has completed this report on behalf of the following cooperative members: Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc., Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. and its members. Due to the new inclusion of conserved energy in this report, Basin Electric will no longer be filing this report on behalf of its members, as Basin Electric is not familiar with all of the efforts at the retail level to conserve energy.

I understand the attached excel spreadsheet is not required as part of the filing, but the Public Utilities Commission staff prefers this be completed. Basin Electric has completed the spreadsheet as our member cooperatives do not own any renewable generation.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact me at (701) 557-5413 or [cjacobson@bepc.com](mailto:cjacobson@bepc.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Casey J. Jacobson".

Casey J. Jacobson  
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