October 13, 2017

Ms. Kristen N. Edwards Staff Attorney South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capital Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

RE: EL17-042 Astoria Station Local Review Committee employment of personnel by committee to carry out provisions of §49-41B-7

Dear Ms. Edwards,

The Astoria Station Local Review Committee met on October 11, 2017 at the City Hall in Toronto, SD. At the meeting, the Committee agreed to move ahead with the proposal from Mr. Gregg Jongeling of Jongeling Consulting per §49-41B-8 to conduct the local impact assessment of the proposed project. The proposal from Mr. Jongeling is in the amount of \$17,600 and a copy of the proposal is attached here.

Mr. Jongeling's background and qualifications are available upon request. Jongeling Consulting completed a similar review for the Deer Creek Energy Conversion Facility in 2009.

Sincerely,

Gary Jaeger

Chairperson, Astoria Station Local Review Committee Deuel County Commission, Chairperson

EC: David Iverson, Vice Chair, Astoria Station Local Review Committee President, Deubrook School District 05-6