

**BASIN ELECTRIC
POWER COOPERATIVE**

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June 7, 2010

OVERNIGHT MAIL

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Deer Creek Station; Dockets EL-09-015 and HP-09-002

Dear Ms. VanGerpen:

Enclosed are the original Indemnity Bonds in the face amounts of \$1,300,000.00 and \$800,000.00 per the Stipulations and Orders in the above captioned dockets.

If you have any questions, please contact me at cjacobson@bepc.com or (701) 557-5413.

Sincerely,

Casey J. Jacobson
Attorney

cjj/ds

enclosure

cc: Service List

RIGHT-OF-WAY BOND

Bond No. 105425851

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., hereinafter called the Principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, as Surety, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound unto the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, hereinafter called the Obligee, on behalf of and for the benefit for all townships, counties, and other governmental entities whose properties are crossed by the natural gas pipeline facilities described in Stipulation HP09-002, in the sum of **One Million Three Hundred Thousand And No/100 Dollars (\$1,300,000.00)** lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which sum we bind ourselves and our successors, heirs, administrators or personal representatives as the case may be.

WHEREAS, Principal has applied or will apply to the Obligee for a permit, permits, or permission to do work within the Right-of-Way of townships, counties, and other governmental entities whose properties are crossed by the natural gas pipeline facilities described in Stipulation HP09-002,

WHEREAS, South Dakota Codified Law 49-41B-38 requires any person performing any construction or survey work to furnish an indemnity bond in a reasonable amount that runs in favor of, and for the benefit of, such townships, counties, or other governmental entities whose property is crossed by a transmission facility insuring that any damage beyond normal wear to public roads, highways, bridges, or other related facilities shall be adequately compensated,

NOW, THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall restore all pre-existing roads and lanes used during the construction of the transmission facilities to at least their pre-construction condition as described in accordance with Stipulation EL09-015 then this obligation is null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This obligation may be canceled by the Surety by its giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Principal and Obligee. Regardless of the length of time that this bond remains in force, in no event shall the Surety's obligation exceed the sum listed above.

Dated at Minneapolis, Minnesota, this 3rd day of June, 2010,

PRINCIPAL

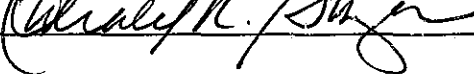
SURETY

Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

Principal

Surety

By: 

By: 

Ann Higgins, Attorney In Fact

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., Seaboard Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, Kori M. Johanson, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., Seaboard Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 3rd day of June, 20 10.

WARNING: THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY IS INVALID WITHOUT THE RED BORDER


Kori M. Johanson, Assistant Secretary



To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, call 1-800-421-3880 or contact us at www.travelersbond.com. Please refer to the Attorney-In-Fact number, the above-named individuals and the details of the bond to which the power is attached.



POWER OF ATTORNEY

Farmington Casualty Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
Seaboard Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company
St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company

Attorney-In Fact No. 220471

Certificate No. 002896027

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Seaboard Surety Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, that St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company and St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, that Farmington Casualty Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, that United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Maryland, that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, and that Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc. is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint

Charyl Cherryhomes, Michele Grogan, Ann Higgins, and Robin Rutlin

of the City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, each in their separate capacity if more than one is named above, to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 25th day of September, 2008

Farmington Casualty Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company
Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
Seaboard Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company

St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company
St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company



State of Connecticut
City of Hartford ss.

By: [Signature]
George W. Thompson, Senior Vice President

On this the 25th day of September, 2008, before me personally appeared George W. Thompson, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of Farmington Casualty Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Company, Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Underwriters, Inc., Seaboard Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, and United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.
My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2011.



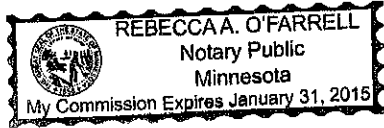
[Signature]
Marie C. Tetreault, Notary Public

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY SURETY

STATE OF Minnesota }
County of Hennepin } ss.

On this 3rd day of June, 2010, before me personally
appeared Ann Higgins, known to, me to be the Attorney-in-Fact of
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, the corporation
that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in the aforesaid County, the day and year in this certificate first above written.



Rebecca O'Farrell
Notary Public in the State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin