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Darren Kearny  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57504-5070

Dear Mr. Kearny:

As a representative of Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. I hereby submit the co-op's filing for the purchase of small renewable power.

Senate Bill 61, which passed during the 2010 legislative session, requires each electric utility to file with the PUC its minimum rate for purchasing electricity generated by small renewable power facilities with a capacity of 100 kilowatts or less.

For a qualifying member-owned small renewable power facility, Black Hills Electric Cooperative, Inc. would generally pay the avoided cost, subject to certain adjustments, as calculated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, our supplemental wholesale power supplier. The current rate of 2.3 cents per kilowatt-hour would apply for qualifying facilities with a capacity of 100 kilowatts or less. Any rates are subject to change.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning our renewable power rate. My phone number is 673-4461. My e-mail address is: [mchase@bhec.coop](mailto:mchase@bhec.coop). Thank you.

Sincerely,

**BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

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