

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY) BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE,) INC. FOR AN ENERGY CONVERSION) FACILITY SITING PERMIT FOR A NATURAL) GAS PIPELINE TO SUPPORT THE DEER) CREEK STATION PROJECT)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF CONSTRUCTION BONDS HP09-002
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On July 28, 2009, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Basin) filed an energy facility permit application with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting approval to construct a natural gas pipeline in Brookings and Deuel counties to support the Deer Creek electric generation facility permitted in Docket EL09-015 (Project). On June 16, 2010, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Granting Permit to Construct Facilities authorizing the construction of the Project subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Stipulation, which included the requirement that Basin furnish an indemnity bond in the amount of \$1,300,000 pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-38 to secure the restoration and repair of damage to roads and other public infrastructure. On June 7, 2010, Basin filed the bond. On November 14, 2013, Basin filed a letter requesting release of the bond.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-38.


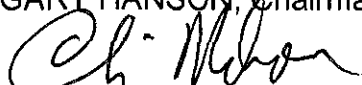
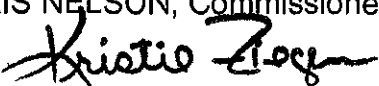
At its regular meeting on November 22, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Basin's request for release of construction bond and authorize the Executive Director or General Counsel to execute any necessary release documents to release Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Bond No. 105425851. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Basin's request for release of construction bond is hereby granted and the Executive Director or Commission Counsel are authorized to execute any necessary release documents to release Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America Bond No. 105425851.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th of November, 2013.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.
By: <u>Joy Bashley</u>
Date: <u>11/25/13</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ GARY HANSON, Chairman
 _____ CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner
 _____ KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner