

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY ) BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, ) INC. FOR AN ENERGY CONVERSION ) FACILITY PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ) OF A COMBUSTION TURBINE GENERATOR ) NEAR GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF CONSTRUCTION BOND</b>
		<b>EL04-041</b>

On December 22, 2004, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Basin) filed an application with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a permit for an energy conversion facility to construct a new 100 MW (nominal) General Electric LMS 100 simple cycle gas turbine in Brown County, approximately five miles south of Groton (Project). On June 7, 2005, the Commission issued a Decision and Order Approving Stipulation and Granting Permit to Construct a Combustion Turbine Generator (Order) authorizing the construction of the Project subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation which included the requirement that Basin furnish an indemnity bond in the amount of \$10,000 pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-38 to secure the restoration and repair of damage to roads and other public infrastructure. On June 21, 2005, Basin filed the bond. On June 20, 2014, Basin filed a letter requesting release of the bond, an executed concurrence letter from the Spink County Highway Superintendent stating that there was no outstanding damage that required compensation in Spink County, and an executed concurrence letter from the Brown County Highway Superintendent stating that there was no outstanding damage that required compensation in Brown County.

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



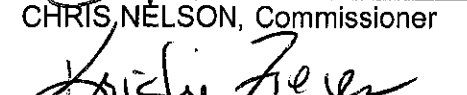
At its regular meeting on July 8, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Basin's request for release of construction bond and authorize the Executive Director or General Counsel to execute any necessary release documents to release Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Bond No. 190011154. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Basin's request for release of construction bond is hereby granted and the Executive Director or Commission Counsel is authorized to execute any necessary release documents to release Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Bond No. 190011154.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8<sup>th</sup> of July, 2014.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 Spinkley</u>
Date: <u>07-08-14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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