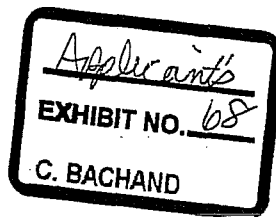


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Dear Members of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission,

The Big Stone II Project Local Review Committee has finished its work and hereby submits its final report and mitigation recommendations to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

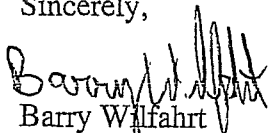
Several members of the Commission and the two consultants that served as staff for the project stand ready to attend a South Dakota Public Utilities Commission meeting to present the recommendations and answer any questions as they relate to the Big Stone II Project. At its final meeting the local review committee also asked that we extend and invitation to the PUC to hold its meeting in Milbank when this mitigation plan is presented so additional members of the Local Review Committee and people from the region can attend in person.

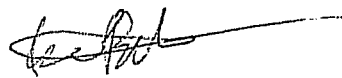
Enclosed please find the following:

- Local Review Committee's final report – 4 copies.
- Sample Communication pieces from the Wisconsin Public Service's Weston 4 plant.
- Recommended Mitigation Measures for the Big Stone II project.
- The fully executed contract with the consultants that provides staff support for the Local Review Committee and their invoices.

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions or to let us know if and when the PUC would like our team present at one of their meetings.

Sincerely,


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Local Review Committee

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BIG STONE II

FINAL REPORT

on the

Social and Economic Assessment

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for the

LOCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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I. Introduction

On July 20, 2005 Ottertail Power Company filed, on its behalf and other power users, the Energy Conversion Facility Permit Application with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for the Big Stone II project. That application submittal triggered a local review process that is required by South Dakota law. The local review process is detailed in SDCL 49-41b-6 to SDCL 49-41b-10.

Soon after the application was filed, as required by State Law (SDCL 49-41b-6), a Local Review Committee (LRC) was created. The LRC membership mirrored the requirements of State law (SDCL 46-41b-6) and a list of the members and the organizations that they represent is contained in Appendix A. Maps of the impact area taken from the Barr Engineering Study are in Appendix B.

The LRC organized and at its first meeting elected Steve Bull as the Chairman and Peggy Schuekle as Secretary. The Committee met again on September 15, 2005. During that meeting the LRC members saw a PowerPoint presentation on the background of the Big Stone II, State law and the LRC responsibilities/requirements, Otter Tail Power Company's Scope of Work and expectations, key Big Stone II construction milestones, Big Stone II workforce projections, the study area, implementation work plan including the details on the amount of consultant time needed and the cost to do the work. (This PowerPoint presentation is in Appendix C.) After review and discussion the LRC members unanimously approved The Greeter, Inc. (Barry Wilfahrt) and Venerts Investment, Inc. (Bill Folkerts) proposal to develop the social and economic assessment as required by State law.

The Committee's recommendation to approve The Greeter, Inc and Venerts Investments, Inc contract was forwarded to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for their approval. See Chairman Bull's letter that was sent to the PUC in Appendix D.

The South Dakota PUC met and approved the LRC's application at its October 4, 2005 meeting. Copy of the e-mail confirming the PUC approval is in Appendix D.

Immediately following the LRC's approval of the consultant's contract, work on the assessment began.

II. Assessment Methodology and Data Collection

1. Meeting and Questionnaire Approval

The first action was to determine what the committee members needed to know in order to assess the impacts and issue a final report as required by State Law. They discussed what issues they expected to surface during development of Big Stone II and they discussed a methodology to obtain information about the possible impact to the area communities. Further, they discussed the information that they needed to have in order to determine what should be the mitigation measures, if any.

The consultant developed questionnaires that would be used to obtain the information. The questionnaires were developed to obtain a response about specific issues and the respondents' expectation of the Big Stone II impacts. Each questionnaire had ample space and questions to give the respondent the opportunity to provide verbal explanations. Several questions were open ended so that any issue could be raised and any opinion could be expressed.

The questionnaires were presented to the LRC for discussion. The members reviewed and approved the questionnaires and used the State laws as a guide to determine the various geographic locations to be included in the assessment, the specific city, school, health, law enforcement or county officials that were to be administered the questionnaire. Furthermore, the Local Review Committee felt it would be beneficial if several of the groups in the local review 20-mile target area could be interviewed in person in addition to filling out the questionnaire. It was decided this type of interaction among the consultants and other interviewees may yield a more thoughtful and comprehensive impact analysis, a better assessment of how the area could absorb the impacts and potential mitigation measures. Next a schedule for the interviews and meetings was developed.

2. a. Weston 4 Power Plant Trip

During the meeting reviewing the questionnaires, the LRC members had a number of questions about the number of workers that would come to the area, the type of workers, the number of families, the number of students to expect, the health of workers, language skills expected, the need for housing, opportunity for local workers, etc. Many of the Committee members remembered or heard what happened to the area when Big Stone I was built in the 1970's. While generally members thought that today's workers were different and more respectful, others were concerned about drinking and driving and still other members were concerned about housing for the workers families.

All of the members felt they needed information from other power companies that had a plant under construction. It was the LRC's opinion that touring another facility that had a similar power plant under construction would likely answer a number of questions they had and give them valuable information on the issues that may need mitigation.

Otter Tail Power staff members knew of a plant similar to Big Stone II under construction in Wisconsin. They arranged an on-site meeting at Weston 4 on October 5, 2005. The individuals that

were able to make the trip to Wausau, Wisconsin were Steve Bull, Chairman LRC and Summit School Board, Mark Rolfes, Ottertail Power Company, Barry Wilfahrt, Consultant, Bill Folkerts, Consultant, Don Larson, Milbank City Council/Acting Mayor, Scott Schneider, Big Stone School Board member and Mel Rinke, Ortonville City Council member.

At the Weston 3 facility this delegation met with the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation officials, county and city officials to discuss the Weston 4 Power plant that was under construction. This 500 megawatt electric generating facility will use clean coal technology much like the Big Stone II plant. This new plant like Big Stone II is being built adjacent to their other existing generating plants.

Before they left on the trip, the LRC members developed a number of questions that they asked the officials at Weston 4. During the day-long meeting with plant personnel, touring the construction site/plant and meeting with a group similar to the LRC over lunch, the LRC members were able to ask many questions and gained an excellent understanding of what Weston 4 had experienced thus far in their plant development.

2 b. What the LRC learned from the Weston 4 visit and discussion:

Generally, while the Weston 4 plant site is located in an area that has a much more urban population than Big Stone area, the answers to the questions that were asked, told the LRC members much about today's worker and that they are certainly different than in the 1970's. They found that almost all of the Weston construction management type workers (about 40) came to work at Weston 4 leaving the family back home. These workers rented homes and apartments. Some purchased houses since they expected to be in the area for four or more years.

The construction type workers often had spouses that worked so instead of uprooting the entire family the workers either commuted or worked for a period of time and then went home over the weekends every two or three weeks. A few in this group purchased houses. Others rented apartments or houses and still others rented hotels rooms.

We learned that neither the construction managers nor the on-site construction workers brought children to the school system. The Wausau folks could think of only a single child that had moved to the area as a result of the construction project.

Importantly, the LRC members learned from County and City officials that the workers did not hang out at the local bars after work. They knew of no problems that had been reported by either the Sheriff's office or the Police Department.

When the lack of crime was noted, it was quickly followed by the Weston 4 officials stating that all of the construction workers were screened for drugs. And they told us that background checks were done. The Weston 4 officials claim that these actions had helped them greatly to reduce the crime but also, for them it was important because, they claim drug testing greatly reduced worker turnover.

In addition to protecting the workers, the construction site was "locked down" extremely tight for safety and security purposes. Everyone that wanted to enter had to have a reason to be on-site and an ID or be met at the gate by Weston personnel.

The LRC members found housing was not an issue at this stage in construction. The big worker influx will come later but currently there were about 400 workers on site. But the LRC members were cautioned that the number of workers changed day to day as the various skills needed on the site changed. Also, they were told that a great deal of the construction/fabrication was done off-site and the large pieces were shipped to the site for assembly. Fabrication of certain parts of the plant off site is a now a common practice.

Medical, fire protection, law enforcement and housing issues were discussed. The members were told that Weston 4 had experienced no issues in any of these areas.

Two important lessons were learned. One, Wisconsin Public Power had a full time PR person on the ground before the plant started construction. This person answered all the questions and was proactive in giving out information about what was happening and when it happened or was to happen. She answered all the impact concerns, issues and questions. She used a very effective web site to inform the public about the day to day construction activities. The web site also gave information to potential workers about jobs. It provided local companies with information about RPFs that they could use to bid on various parts of the construction project. She developed a very effective thick and informational packet for new employees coming to the area. This packet provided details about housing locations and contact persons, hotels, education services, recreation activities, area attractions, etc.

Second, the Committee members learned that the Weston 4 construction staff members scheduled informational meetings with local law enforcement department staff members, fire protection personnel, emergency medical staff members and local governmental officials. These meetings were not only to keep the local staff members informed of the changes that were scheduled on site but, it also gave them an explanation of the various phases of the project work schedule and an opportunity to ask questions and to voice concerns. The LRC members were told that these meetings were extremely valuable for the local officials.

The questionnaire that was used during this plant visit is in Appendix E. Also in Appendix E is a list of Wisconsin Attendees and a summary of the answers to questions that was prepared from notes taken during the meetings.

3. MidAmerica Energy - Council Bluffs Energy Center

The Committee learned that another plant was under construction near Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Committee asked the consultants to contact the utility company that was building the plant and ask the same questions that were asked of the Weston 4 people.

The plant at Council Bluffs is being built by MidAmerica Energy. The Council Bluffs Energy Center is part of a multi-unit generation site. The 790 megawatt facility that is under construction is also a coal fired unit. The project cost is expected to be \$1.2 billion. Employment is expected to peak at more than 1,000 workers.

While the LRC did not visit they were able to collect some information about the facility and the impact the construction was having on the area. Again, the area is more urban than Big Stone area since Omaha is located immediately across the Missouri River to the west and north of the new plant. Generally, the information collected mirrors the information received from Weston 4.

More information is in Appendix I.

4. Questionnaire Mailings, E-mails, Telephone calls and Meetings.

The questionnaires were developed to inform the people answering the questions as well as to get information from them about what they expect the impact issues will be in the area. Generally, this information was sought out by a yes or no response. For more detail, the respondent was asked an open ended question about what they thought about a specific issue or question. Then the respondent was given an opportunity to tell the Committee what they thought and what measures they would propose. Again, they were asked to provide specific information.

For the community leaders in the immediate area, the consultants lined up meetings in their cities with their respective unit of governments. Over a period of several days the consultants met face to face, with 46 officials. Almost all those that attended these meetings filled out a questionnaire. During all of the meetings the consultant took notes and recorded the comments and needs expressed. See Appendix F for the Consultant's list of those interviewed. This interview process also included non-governmental personnel, such as hospital and clinic administrators, ambulance staff members and fire department personnel.

While Minnesota cities, school and county were not included in the immediate South Dakota impact area, the LRC members felt it was important to include information from across the border. The members recognized that Minnesota is outside the South Dakota PUC scope but they understood it was important from a mitigation perspective to include this area of Minnesota. Several members commented that crime does not stop at the border. They pointed out that the health needs do not stop at the border, either. Also, the consultants found that the Cities of Big Stone City and Ortonville cooperate in several important areas, such as law enforcement,

emergency medical/health, and fire protection. The two school districts also cooperate on beneficial projects. And the new plant will be closer to Ortonville than to Milbank.

For the South Dakota community leaders outside the immediate impact area the consultants mailed questionnaires to the City or School officials. Follow-up mailings were then made to those that did not return the questionnaires. Last, personal telephone calls were made to the officials that did not return the questionnaires. In a few cases, neither the calls nor the questionnaires were returned.

All in all, a great deal of information was collected from government officials, hospitals, clinics, fire departments and units of government. In the outlying areas a few officials did not respond. In the immediate impact area, information was collected from all the units of government, medical services and local government officials. A total of 59 questionnaires were completed and all were made a part of this report. Copies of the completed questionnaires, summaries of the questionnaires and an overall summary of the quantifiable data included on the questionnaires are included in Appendix G.

5. The original Application and the Impact Studies that were done:

Prior to the LRC work, a Community Impact Study for the Big Stone II Power Plant was prepared by First District Association of Local Government. Other work done includes the Application for an Energy Conversion facility Siting Permit prepared by Barr Engineering for Otter Tail Power Company and the feasibility study that was completed by Burns & McDonnell, Inc.

With exception of maps and technical information gathered about the plant and its operation, all the information included in this report is first hand primary data. Where secondary source data are used it is noted.

III. Big Stone II Impacts, Assessment of the Area's Capacity to Absorb the Impacts, Recommended Action Needed and Recommended Mitigation Measures.

The LRC gathered and studied a great deal of information about the potential impact of Big Stone II. They learned much from company officials at the two coal fired plants that are under construction in Iowa and Wisconsin. But, the most important information came from local officials in the impact area. And as stated above some of that information came from Minnesota communities because of their proximity to the proposed plant.

The following summary prepared by the Local Review Committee is comprised of four distinct components.

First is the Local Review Committee's list of potential impacts of the Big Stone II Plant.

Second is the Local Review Committee's assessment of the area's ability to absorb those impacts.

Third is a list of action items needed, identified by the Local Review Committee to ensure a smooth project. These "needed action items" in essence become a major part of the job description of the Public Affairs Person recommended as the final mitigation measure recommended by the Local Review Committee.

Fourth is the list of specific mitigation measures the Local Review Committee is recommending to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

The summary below is organized by the 12 assessment areas defined in South Dakota State law plus one.

1. i. Housing

A. Impacts

- a. **Availability of Housing.** With 1,400 workers anticipated at the peak of the Big Stone II construction project, it is widely anticipated the availability of housing will be adversely impacted during construction, however, most of the people interviewed believe the area will be able to handle it. According to the 2000 US Census, Grant County had 3,482 housing units with 13.4% multiple family rentals and Big Stone County had 3,169 housing units with 9.3% multiple family rental units.
- b. **Rental Unit Development.** Many of those interviewed indicated local developers had purchased the trailer parks in the Ortonville, Big Stone City and Milbank area. Local sources said they had purchased most of the apartments in the three communities as well. In Ortonville, another developer was reported to have purchased several single-family homes and was rehabbing them for use as rentals. We heard of several other

specific cases where people were preparing to rent part of their home or have purchased a house to renovate and rent out.

- c. **Increase in rental rates and lot rents.** Lot rents have already increased from \$85 a month to \$140 a month according to several of the people interviewed. The high concentration of rental property in the hands of one or two property owners could cause significant price impact on rental property and mobile home lot rents in the area as demand increases during construction.
- d. **Impact of increased Rental Rates.** Concern was expressed that increased prices may drive some people out of the local rental market and possibly even out of the community. Further concern was expressed if this happens they will unlikely return to the area after Big Stone II is constructed and rates return to normal.
- e. **Housing Development.** Several officials interviewed indicated there were several very capable area developers currently working on housing developments. There were also several other housing developments planned and several more being talked about and promoted by the various area communities as a way to gain populations and tax base. Based on what was learned from the trip to Weston 4 new single family housing will unlikely be used by the construction workers themselves. However, as area families move into the newly built units it would free up presumably smaller existing housing for transition to the rental market. People currently in rental housing may also move to the new housing development or the smaller starter homes as they become available improving the availability of rental housing.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

In the First District Housing Survey conducted in March of 2005 as part of the Big Stone II application process the following accommodations itemization was developed:

Motel Beds.....	2,242.....	60 mile radius study area
Houses for sales.....	140.....	Primary and secondary areas
Houses for rent.....	23.....	Primary and secondary areas
Apartments for rent.....	140.....	Primary and secondary areas
Mobile Homes for Sale.....	10.....	Primary and secondary areas
Mobile Homes for rent.....	18.....	Primary and secondary areas
Mobile Home Pads for Rent.....	119.....	Primary and secondary areas
RV Pads for rent.....	83.....	Primary and secondary areas

No attempt to update these results was made by the consultants since the numbers fluctuate from day to day. The questionnaires and interviews by the consultants did however confirm many of the numbers. Since the information above was compiled a new 93-room hotel was opened September, 2005 in the study area.

During the interview process just about everyone interviewed talked about a house, basement apartment or some other additional living space that was being prepared for occupancy by construction workers and their families which will lead to more capacity to absorb the workforce.

This increasing supply notwithstanding, there is still much concern about two counties with an existing housing base of approximately 6,500 total units absorbing such a large workforce. Furthermore, there is additional concern about the impact such a demand will have on supply and thus price of housing particularly in the rental market.

We feel that additional capacity will be built as local developers see opportunity and gear up. The LRC was informed of two other housing developments coming to the area. The data above also evidences significant capacity to absorb a major workforce.

C. Action Needed.

- a. **Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.** Information on various housing options needs to be assembled well in advance of the project including contacts and phone numbers so this information can be distributed to the construction workforce as they prepare to move to the area.
- b. **Regular Communication.** Regular communication with motels, individuals that have rentals units and major property managers before the project starts and throughout the construction process will help channel the flow of workers to areas where capacity exists and help reduce the workforce impacts. This communication will also help officials determine what “real time” mitigation measures needs to be taken.

D. Recommended Mitigation Measures.

- a. **Housing Contingency Plan.** There are two aspects of the housing issue. The first is the sheer number of housing units that will be needed to house the workers that will come to the area. Currently, there is a capacity in South Dakota and Minnesota communities. We feel that additional capacity will be built as developers gear up and some home owners build out the upstairs or the basements. We are aware of two housing developments new to the area. But as a mitigation measure we feel Otter Tail needs to have a contingency plan in place that can be implemented quickly if the need arises to supply housing at a reasonable market rent for workers. The ability to bring in trailers quickly with an efficiency apartment configuration is an option that can be accomplished in 2 weeks to 60 days depending on the season according to an area manufactured home plant staff person. While this is not a firm measure

we feel the development of a contingency plan needs to be brought to the PUC's attention and implemented.

- b. **Rent Stabilization.** The second aspect of housing is the issue of pricing the local non-construction workers out of the market due to the high rent that the Big Stone II workers can afford to pay. There are reports, not verified by the LRC, of a mobile home park owner recently increasing lot prices. This owner currently has the mobile home parks in Milbank, Ortonville and Big Stone City. Again, while there is not a specific mitigation measure, The PUC needs to understand the issue and communicate the concern to the SD Housing Development Authority that could provide assistance to renters that may be faced with sudden and severe rent hikes. This may be a case where the market place rents used by the Authority to provide assistance may need to be adjusted frequently to keep pace with market trends. If the Authority is informed about the potential housing issues they may be able to proactively provide assistance to local renters.

1. ii. Labor Force

A. Impacts.

- a. **Local Contractors.** There will be tremendous opportunity for local contractors and potential employees to work on various aspects of the project. Tradespersons like electricians, plumbers, etc will be in high demand. There will also be considerable opportunity for general laborers on the project.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. **Labor Force.** There will be some ability to supply some of the necessary labor force to complete the project, however, the vast majority of the work will need to be completed by temporary workers who will need to come to the area to complete their tasks. Some of the work may also be completed in modules and shipped in for final assembly at the Big Stone II site.

C. Action Needed.

- a. **Information.** Communications on the available jobs and specific sub contracting opportunities should be provided so contractors in the immediate area have an opportunity to bid for work on the project. Not only would this be good for the local economy, it would also serve to mitigate potential problems from having up to 1,400 workers working on

the plant during the peak time. The more workers that are from the area in the first place, the less the impact.

- b. **Web Site.** Jobs and Contractor opportunities should be made known via a web site including an RFP complete with timetable and all other requirements. (Weston 4 is a good model for an effective website.) South Dakota Job Service has an office in Milbank and they may be of assistance in coordination of available jobs offerings.
- c. **Media, radio and newspaper.** The area is served by a variety of media each with its particular market and advantage in reaching potential employees and contractors. A public relations effort to hire local people and contractors should be made.

2. Educational Facilities and Manpower

A. Impacts.

- a. **Additional Students.** The trip to Weston 4 indicates there will be far fewer workers bringing their families with them to the area. This resulted in fewer students than were hoped for. Only one of the first 400 workers at Weston 4 brought one child so the impact there has been almost zero. Because of the rural nature of this area and the likely need for more people to move into the area to work either short or long term, it is likely there will be slightly more children moving to the area than has been the case at Weston 4.
- b. **English as a second language (ESL).** The primary concern among those interviewed was a possible need for additional personnel with ESL training skills. If more than a handful of non-English speaking students move to the area it would have a significant impact. Generally, the schools have the capacity to address much of anticipated need as they currently have some students in the ESL programs.
- c. **Special Education.** The other area of concern expressed was in the area of special education. Any large number of special education students moving to the area would have a significant impact, but as indicated above few new students will be expected.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. **Additional Students.** All of the area school districts have very significant capacity to absorb additional students. Most are 30% to 40% below their high enrollment points in the 60's and 70's. In fact, a large number of students could be absorbed without hiring any or just one or two staff members, depending on grade distribution and the school

district where the student chose to attend. Most schools would welcome additional students.

C. Action Needed.

- a. **ESL and Special Education.** As part of its public affairs process OTPC should closely monitor the incoming workforce to determine how many workers may be bringing school age children. This may alert the schools for any special education or ESL needs they may arise. Early communication and frequent communication throughout the construction process with the area school districts will be important for a smooth transition and adequate preparation by the school districts.

3. Water Supply and Distribution

A. Impacts.

- a. **Plant.** Operationally, Big Stone II plant will use water from Big Stone Lake, which is stored in holding ponds, like it does for Big Stone I. It does use water provided by Grant Roberts Rural Water system for its employees. Grant Rural Water system is in the process of completing a significant upgrade to its system that will provide adequate supply for Big Stone II.
- b. **Workforce.** The three major communities, Milbank, Big Stone City and Ortonville all have adequate water supplies to handle the potential influx of people working on the plant.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. **Capacity.** Big Stone City, Milbank and Ortonville each indicated they have adequate capacity to handle additional demand for water even with significant additional development. Smaller communities in the area also have the ability to handle additional demand for water for the housing units they currently have and anticipate from development resulting from the Big Stone II Project.

C. Action Needed.

- a. **No action needed.** There are adequate water resources available to supply the plant and the anticipated workforce.

4. Wastewater Treatment and Collection

A. Impacts.

- a. **Plant and Workforce.** Minimal impact is anticipated from the plant (less than 300 gallons a day). Impact from the workforce needed to build the plant is well within the capacity of the three major communities; Milbank, Big Stone City and Ortonville.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. **Capacity.** Big Stone City, Milbank and Ortonville each indicated they have adequate capacity to handle additional wastewater even with significant additional development. Smaller communities in the area also have the ability to handle wastewater for the housing units they currently have and anticipate from developments resulting from the Big Stone II Project.

C. Action needed.

- a. **No action needed.** There is an adequate wastewater treatment system in place to accommodate potential additional users.

5. Solid Waste Disposal and Collection

A. Impacts.

- a. **Plant.** There will be considerable construction refuse during the construction operation. An aggressive recycling plan is anticipated to mitigate much of the waste produced.
- b. **Workforce.** There will also be some impact from the workforce in place during construction of the plant.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. **Plant.** Otter Tail Power Company has proactive solid waste plan focusing on recycling and requiring contractors to remove their waste to non-regional waste management sites. Thus, there will be minimal impact to regional landfills resulting from construction.
- b. **Workforce.** The regional landfills in the area have adequate capacity to handle the influx of additional workers to the area.

C. Action Needed.

- a. **No action needed.**

6. Law Enforcement

A. Impact.

- a. Significant impact in this area is anticipated by most of the people interviewed. Many people cited concerns based on the Big Stone I workforce. Most people felt the local authorities could handle the situation, but most also felt they needed additional help. Law enforcement personnel were particularly concerned about the potential impact.
- b. Serving civil papers is expected to increase with the increased number of people in the area, resulting in a greater workload for the County Sheriff. Further, as the arrests and court case loads increase there will be a need for the Sheriff to transfer prisoners to other lock-up facilities because of the very limited local jail capacity. While the workers, expected to be on the site, will be different than the 1970's workers, just the increase in the number of workers will likely impact the crime and civil case loads. Taken together, the Sheriff's work load will increase.
- c. City and County law Enforcement needs have changed as the workers' behavior changed for the better. But with the number of workers that will be in the area and the number of personnel that will be supplying materials to the plant, the increased traffic, the need for city and county law enforcement services over a three-year period will outstrip the current capacity.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. **Cities - Minnesota.** Ortonville had 4 full-time officers. Ortonville had 6 full-time officers when Big Stone I was built.
- b. **Counties- South Dakota.** Grant County had one full-time sheriff and two deputies.
- c. **Cities South Dakota.** Big Stone City had only one officer. Milbank had 5 full-time officers and 8 reserves.
- d. **Counties- Minnesota.** Big Stone County had one sheriff and 4 deputies.
- e. **South Dakota Highway Patrol.** There was a member of the SD State patrol stationed in Milbank. In Minnesota, the nearest State patrol was in Appleton.
- f. **Strong Interdepartmental Relationships.** Due to the limited numbers of officers in the area, the local law enforcement agencies interviewed all indicated they had very close working relationships with each other to ensure support when needed. This close working relationship between all law enforcement agencies in the region will be very beneficial and greatly enhance the areas ability to absorb the impact of the workforce needed to construct Big Stone II.

C. Action Needed.

- a. **City Law Enforcement Staffing Levels.** No additional City staff, except for Big Stone City, is recommend provided the Grant County Sheriff's office has one additional full-time deputy and that position is shared with Big Stone City. At peak employment times, additional law enforcement staff will be needed.
- b. **Background Checks.** Background checks should be conducted so local law enforcement officials are knowledgeable about the type of workforce being hired. This should be required of all workers that will be on the construction site.
- c. **Communication With Law Enforcement Agencies.** Communication between Otter Tail Power Company and local law enforcement officials when there is a significant shift in the number of workers in the area and their patterns of movement in and out will be very helpful to local law enforcement officials.
- d. **Familiarization Tours.** Law enforcement officials should be included in the periodic familiarization tours of the plants construction and any lay down area as the plant is built to ensure speedy response during any emergency situation at the plant and construction area itself.
- e. **Workforce Expectations.** The Company needs to communicate to the workforce that when they are working on this project that they represent their company and Otter Tail Power Company- 24/7 and inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

D. Recommended Mitigation Measures.

- a. **Grant County.** We recommend that one additional officer be added to the Grant County Sheriff's office delegated to the immediate impact area and shared 50% of the time with Big Stone City for a period of about three years. We recommend that this position be funded three months after construction starts in April 2007 and continue until Complete Steam Turbine Commissioning which is expected in July 2010. This staffing will increase the Departments' capacity however, during the very high peak of employment at Big Stone II additional part time officers will need to be budgeted for the Sheriff's office. This would occur when the number of workers exceeds the 750-1000 employee level.

The LRC members also urge the County and local municipalities to implement a reserve police officers program. This has been effective in other South Dakota communities including Milbank.

- b. **Drug Testing.** Drug testing should be performed on all potential workers as part of a pre-employment screening process

- c. **SDHP.** We recommend that the PUC alert the South Dakota Highway Patrol to the expected impact and urge the SDHP to budget additional staff time in the Milbank and Big Stone City area during the peak employment months.

7. Transportation

A. Impacts.

- a. Increased traffic is anticipated during construction. Equipment, workers and materials for the plant are all expected to increase traffic.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. **Road Conditions.** While we heard that some of the roads to the Plant site are in need of work we were not able to establish if the need arose because of the Big Stone I or because of traffic generated by the recently constructed ethanol plant which accounts for 75 to 80 grain trucks per day.
- b. **Ingress/Egress.** Generally, the site is well situated with roads leading to and from the plant site in four directions. Only the road to the north is still a gravel road. All of the others have been upgraded to all weather surfaces and carry a great deal of traffic. Load limits may be an issue but the County and State have regulation in place to handle the situation
- c. **Traffic.** The ethanol plant, Big Stone Cheese, and other businesses do not employ enough people to have a significant impact on traffic flow in the area even at shift change. Beyond additional traffic no significant impact is anticipated from construction of the Big Stone II plant the area will need to absorb. The roads leading to the plant all have adequate capacity to handle additional traffic.

C. Action Needed.

- a. Monitor shift changes and communicate with other companies and construction workers to ensure smooth traffic flow if needed.

8. Fire Protection

A. Impacts.

- a. The new plant will exceed 300 feet in height and staging and access areas during construction will change month to month. There may also be some hazardous materials on site during various phases of construction.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. **First Response Mechanism.** Otter Tail Power Company has a first response mechanism in place for any plant fire or emergency situation. This group is also charged with assessing the situation and contacting additional authorities like the local fire departments, emergency management office or the state of South Dakota depending on the magnitude of the incident. Big Stone City Fire Department is the first line of defense to be called if outside assistance is necessary. Ortonville Fire Department is then next to be called followed by Milbank.
- b. **High rescue.** The Fire Departments are well equipped and well trained. However, the Fire Department nearest to the Big Stone I and Big Stone II is Big Stone City and they are likely to be the quickest responder if needed so they need to have the equipment to do high angle rescues. The Big Stone Fire Department needs a high angle rescue kit. While they have had some training, additional training in its use for several of its volunteer fire fighters will be needed.

C. Action Needed.

- a. **Familiarization Tours.** Conduct familiarization tours of the site every three to six months for Fire Department personnel in Big Stone City, Ortonville and Milbank to alert them of any potential hazards and to familiarize them with the layout of the facility and staging areas, and the procedures for accessing the facilities.

D. Recommended Mitigation Measures.

- a. **Purchase High Angle Rescue Equipment.** Purchase a high angle rescue kit consisting of harness, rope and pulley system (Approximate cost \$5,000) for the Big Stone Fire Department.
- b. **Provide High Angle Rescue Training.** Adequately train several of the Big Stone City Fire Department members to use the high angle equipment.

9. Health

- A. **Impacts.** The influx of a significant population group all potentially needing health care will have a significant impact on the areas health care providers.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. The LRC learned from the two hospitals and the various medical staff members in the communities that ample and varied medical capability is available. Communication and coordination will be the key.

C. Action Needed.

- a. Communicate with contractors that plan to work in the area in advance so local health providers can do advance work with the various health plans so the health insurance will be available when it is needed. The local providers are eager to help and to work with the contractors and the workers coming to the area. They stated and if they know in advance, what health care companies will be providing health insurance they can make arrangement for seamless health care and payment.
- b. Conduct familiarization tours of the site every three to six months for ambulance and key emergency medical personnel in Big Stone City, Ortonville and Milbank to alert them of any potential hazards and then familiarize them with the layout of the facility and staging areas, and the procedures for accessing the facilities.
- c. Communicate in advance with local health care providers. They are interested in providing a full menu of services (potentially on site) for the workforce during the entire construction period. Weston 4 had an on site medical EMT whenever there were more than 30 construction workers as a proactive measure. The local health care providers are trained and capable of providing drug testing, safety training, etc.

10. Recreation

A. Impacts. The influx of workers may increase the use of recreational facilities and the number of participants in various recreation programs.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. There are many recreational opportunities offered in the area during all four seasons. All have room for expansion.

C. Action Needed.

- a. Communication of the various recreational opportunities to the workforce is strongly recommended.

11. Government

A. Impacts.

- a. None anticipated.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. The various units of government have a very good understanding of the impact and have the staff members and plans in place to handle the situation.

C. Action Needed.

- a. Continue to communicate with all units of local government throughout the planning and construction process.
- b. Consider continuing the Local Review Committee or create another such committee of interested and impacted parties to continue to facilitate open lines of communication between all groups.

12. Energy

A. Impacts.

- a. None identified.

B. Areas Capacity to Absorb Impacts.

- a. The construction of the plant will only enhance the areas electric supply. Gas supplies and other heating sources all mirror the national trends and there is adequate capacity to accommodate the potential increase in demand because of the increase in the size of the workforce.

C. Action Needed.

- a. None.

IV. MITIGATION SUMMARY

Recommendations of the Big Stone II Local Review Committee (LRC)

1. Housing and Manpower

Housing Contingency Plan. There are two aspects of the housing issue. The first is the sheer number of housing units that will be needed to house the workers that will come to the area. Currently, there is a capacity in South Dakota and Minnesota communities. We feel that additional capacity will be built as developers gear up. We are aware of two housing developments new to the area. But as a mitigation measure we feel Otter Tail needs to have a contingency plan in place that can be implemented quickly if the need arises to supply housing at a reasonable market rent for workers. The ability to bring in trailers quickly with an efficiency apartment configuration is one option that can be accomplished in 2 weeks to 60 days depending on the season according to an area manufactured home manufacturer. While this is not a firm measure we feel this contingency plan needs to be brought to the PUC's attention and implemented.

2. Education - None Recommended.

3. Water Supply – None Recommended.

4. Wastewater Treatment and Collection – None Recommended.

5. Solid waste disposal and collection – None Recommended.

6. Law Enforcement

Grant County. We recommend that one additional officer be added to the Grant County Sheriff's office delegated to the immediate impact area and shared 50% of the time with Big Stone City for a period of about three years. We recommend that this position be funded three months after construction starts in April 2007 and continue until Complete Steam Turbine Commissioning which is expected in July 2010. This staffing will increase the Departments' capacity but, during the very high peak of employment at Big Stone II additional part time officers will need to be budgeted for the Sheriff's office. This would occur when the number of workers exceeds 750-1000.

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7. Transportation – None Recommended.

8. Fire Protection

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High Angle Rescue Training. Adequately train several of the Big Stone City Fire Department members to use the high angle equipment.

9. Health – None Recommended.

10. Recreation – None Recommended.

11. Government – None Recommended.

12. Energy – None Recommended

13. Communication

While this area is not listed in State Law we feel it is important to highlight. We learned a great deal from Weston 4 about the importance of communicating to the public and to the elected and appointed local officials. We recommend that Otter Tail have a Public Affairs “person on the ground” that can answer any and all questions, be available for meeting, such as Chamber, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, service clubs-Kiwanis, Church groups, etc. This person would be the “go to person.” The “Action needed items” listed in the Executive Summary could serve as a base job description for this person. We recommend this person be brought on board as soon as possible and remain in that position until the completion of the Big Stone II construction project.

We further recommend that Otter Tail develop an extensive robust web site that is kept interesting and dynamic. The “on the ground person” could do this important updating. We also see this site as a means of communicating to the potential workers and to the local companies that may want to bid on parts of the construction work.

In addition, we feel it is extremely important to have periodic meetings with local officials and the general public updating them on the construction progress and what to expect in the near term. This will not only inform them but it will give them an opportunity to express concerns that they may have heard and could be addressed.

V. Minority Reports

The LRC is not aware of any minority reports. None of the LRC committee member will be filing any reports or letters apart from this report.

Appendix A

LRC Members and Organizations represented

as of Dec 5, 2005

Title	First_Name	Last_Name	Job_Title	Company	Address1	Phone
Mr.	Richard	Berens	Chairperson	Grant County Commission	204 Highview Dr.	605-432-6
Mr.	Malcolm	Dirkson	Board Chairman	Milbank School District	46977 144 th St	605-432-6
Mr.	Scott	Schneider	President	Big Stone City School District	14336 SD Highway 109	605-862-8
Mr.	Gary	Granquist	President	South Shore School District	47067 East Johnson Street	605-676-2
Mr.	Randy	Kruse	President	Grant-Deuel School District	16613 482 nd Ave	605-623-4
Ms.	Paulette	Levisen	Mayor	Town of Revillo	204 West 1 st Street	605-949-0
Ms.	Deb	Wiik	Mayor	Town of Big Stone City	457 Tioga St.	605-623-4
Mr.	Glen	Hull	Chairperson	Roberts County Commission	411 2 nd Ave E.	605-862-83
Mr.	Leon	Kruse	President	Wilmot School District	47050 138 th St.	605-698-73
Mr.	Frank	Redlin	President	Summit School District	47050 138 th St.	605-938-45
Mr.	Wade	Johnson	President	Sisseton School District	14957 456 th Avenue	605-398-65
Mr.	Dale	Aesoph	Mayor	City of Milbank	11591 Sica Hollow Road	605-698-41
Mr.	Harlan	Hansen	Mayor	Town of Wilmot	209 South Viola Street	605-432-66
Mr.	Melvin	Dragt	Mayor	Town of Stockholm	P.O. Box 75	605-938-45
Mr.	Mike	Rufer	Mayor	Town of Strandburg	605 1 st St.	4168
Mr.	Perry	Porath	Mayor	Town of Twin Brooks	414 East Johnson Avenue	605-676-23
Mr.	Tim	Settje	Mayor	Town of Corona	P.O. Box 32	605-676-25
Mr.	Lloyd	Christofferson	Mayor	Town of Summit	121 N. Main	605-432-674
Ms.	Wanda	Thaden	Bd. President	Town of Marvin	P.O. Box 38	605-432-674
Mr.	Dan	Berglund	Mayor	Town of LaBolt	110 W. Eastman Ave.	605-432-434
					P.O. Box 96	605-432-539
					106 3 rd St.	605-398-631
					P.O. Box 726	605-398-615
					303 Oak St.	605-623-44
					P.O. Box 83	
					37 South Minnesota St.	
					P.O. Box 18	
					109 Church St.	

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Title	First_Name	Last_Name	Job_Title	Company	Address1	Phon
Mr.	Mark	Rolfes	Utility Rep.	BSP II Project	P.O. Box 218	605-862
Ms.	Peggy	Schuelke	Bd. Member - Secretary of LRC	Grant-Deuel School District	15754 483 rd Ave.	605-623 605-949 605-623
Mr.	Don	Larson	Council President	City of Milbank	506 E 8 th Ave	605-432
Ms.	Donna	Johnson	Financial Officer	Town of Revillo	P.O. Box 4 48098 163 rd St	605-623
Mr.	Steve	Bull	School Bd. LRC Chair	Town of Summit	207 E. Grant Ave	605-398
Mr.	David	Dinnel	Mayor	Char Grossman City of Ortonville	315 Madison Ave	320-839
Mr.	Jeff	Taylor	Supt.	Ortonville School District	200 Trojan Drive	320-839
Ms.	Louise	Habeck	Board Member	Wilmot School Board	P.O. Box 7	Unliste
Mr.	Norm	Hanson	City Council	City of Wilmot	401 3 rd Ave	605-938
Mr.	Bill	Folkerts	Vice President	Venerts Investments Inc.	15 8 th Ave SE	605-886
Mr.	Barry	Wilfahrt			1395 4 St NW	665-882

Appendix B

Maps

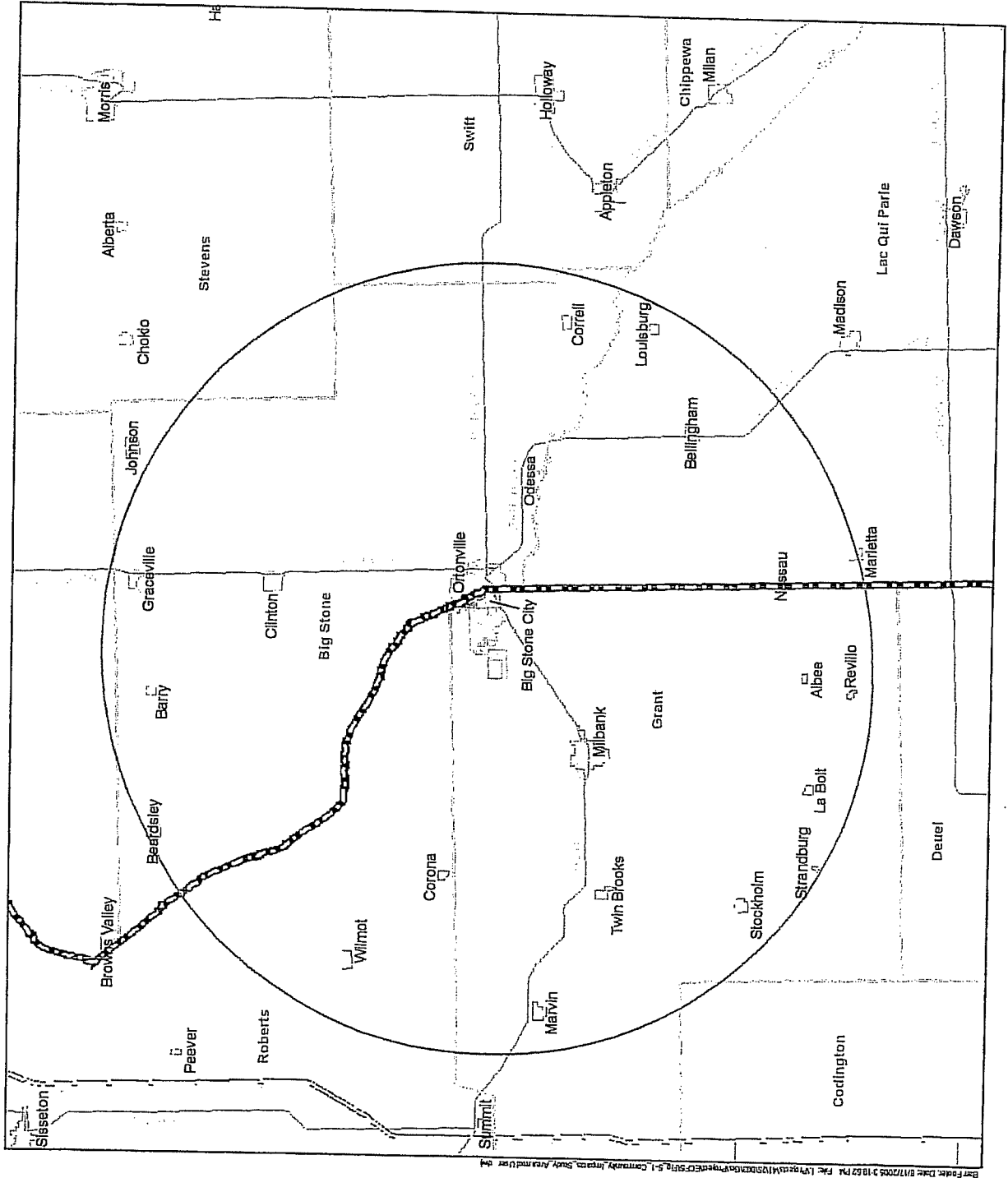
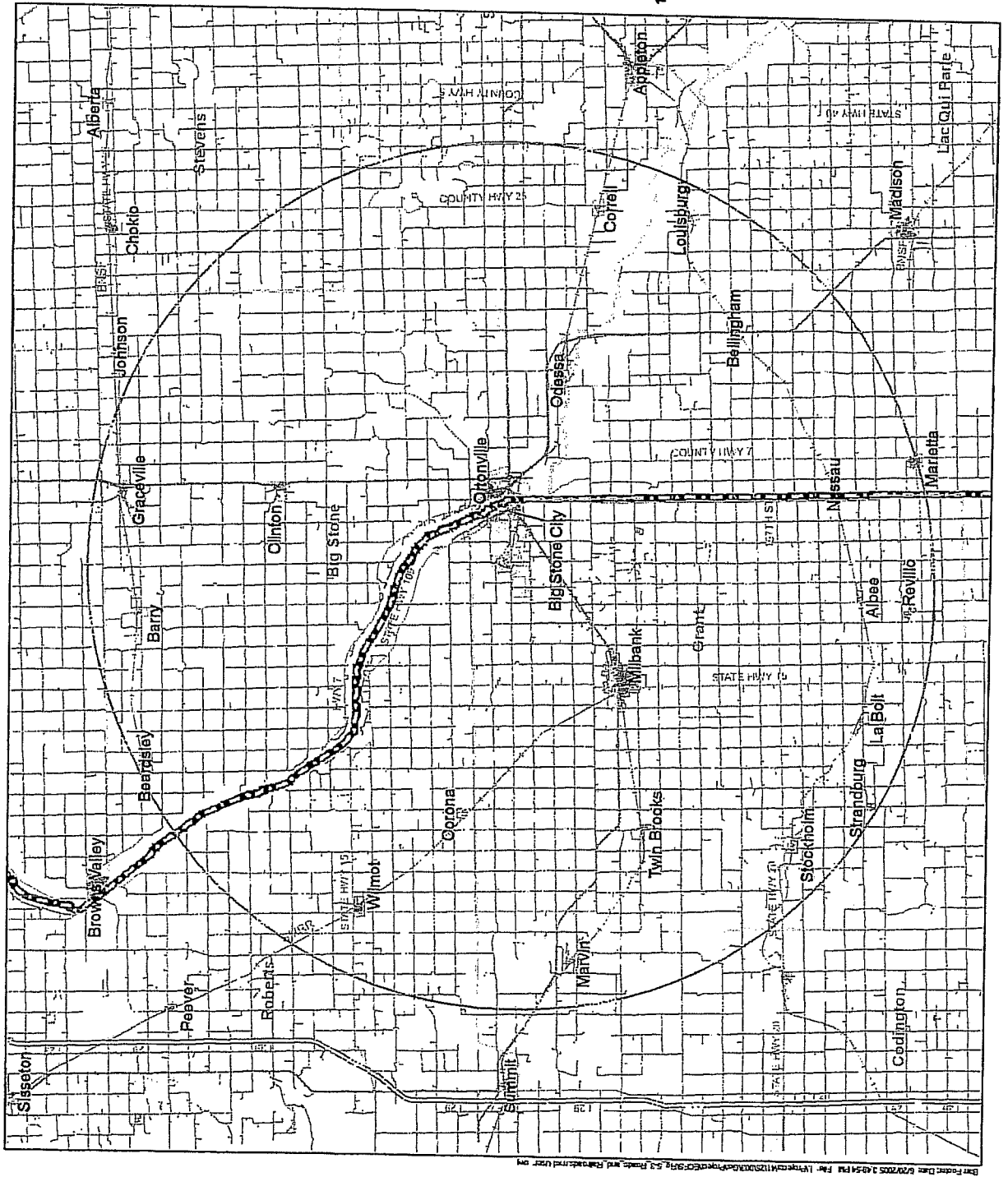


Exhibit 5-1

Community Impacts Study Area
Big Stone II Project
Big Stone II Co-owners



Legend

- 20 mile radius study area
- Big Stone Property Boundary

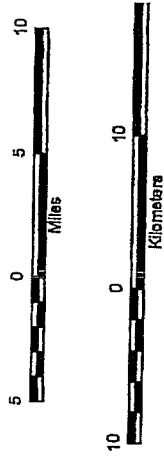
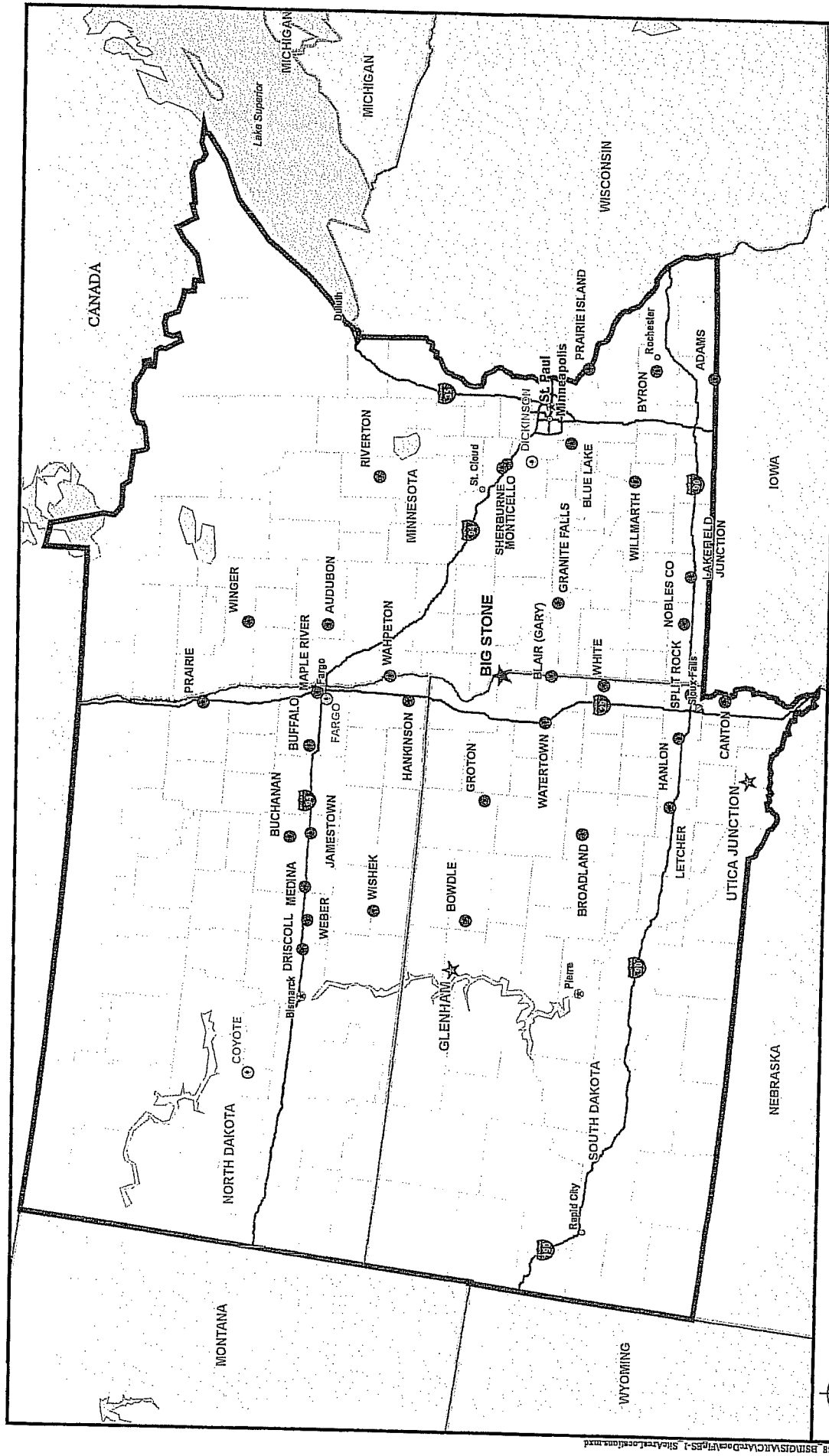


Exhibit 5-3
 Transportation - Roads and Railroads
 Big Stone II Project
 Big Stone II Co-owners



LEGEND

- Study Area Boundary
- Preferred Site
- Candidate Site Areas
- Preliminary Site Areas



Figure ES-1
Site Area Locations

Revised May 17, 2005

Source: ESRI Data

Appendix C

PowerPoint Presentation



Social and Economic Effect of the Big Stone II Project

Local Review Committee Meeting
September 15, 2005



Big Stone II Project

Background
(Memo from Terry Graumann
Otter Tail Power Company)

- **Background:** On July 20, 2005, Otter Tail Power Company filed the Energy Conversion Facility Permit Application for the Big Stone II Project with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.



Big Stone II Project

Background

(Memo from Terry Graumann
Otter Tail Power Company)

- South Dakota law has delegated to the Local Review Committee (LRC), as appointed by the PUC, the responsibility to provide the PUC with its assessment of the potential social and economic effect generated by the proposed Big Stone II facility, to assess the area's capacity to absorb the effects, and to formulate mitigation measures. The final report and recommendations must be provided to the PUC within 7 months of the application filing.



Big Stone II Project

Background

(Memo from Terry Graumann
Otter Tail Power Company)

- Section 5.0 of the Application identifies potential impacts to the community due to the construction, operation, and maintenance of Big Stone II. The information serves as a starting point for further discussion and evaluation by the LRC.



South Dakota State Law

Local Review Committee Composition

- 49-41B-6. Designation of affected area by commission after notification of intent filed--Local review committee designated, composition. Within thirty days after the filing of the notification of intent to apply for a permit for the construction of an energy conversion facility the Public Utilities Commission shall designate the affected area and a local review committee composed of:
 - (1) The chairman of the tribal council of each affected reservation;
 - (2) The president of the board of education of each affected school district;
 - (3) The chairman of the county commissioners of each affected county;
 - (4) The mayor of each affected municipality; and
 - (5) A representative of the applicant utility designated by the utilities.



South Dakota State Law

Assessment Factors

- 49-41B-7. Assessment by local review committee--Factors included. The local review committee shall meet to assess the extent of the potential social and economic effect to be generated by the proposed facility, to assess the affected area's capacity to absorb those effects at various stages of construction, and formulate mitigation measures. The assessment of the local review committee shall include but not be limited to consideration of the temporary and permanent alternatives in the following areas:

- (1) Housing supplies;
- (2) Educational facilities and manpower;
- (3) Waste supply and distribution;



South Dakota State Law

Assessment Factors (continued)

- (4) Waste water treatment and collection;
- (5) Solid waste disposal and collection;
- (6) Law enforcement;
- (7) Transportation;
- (8) Fire protection;
- (9) Health;
- (10) Recreation;
- (11) Government;
- (12) Energy



South Dakota State Law

Committee Staff

- 49-41B-8. Employment of personnel by committee--
Expenses--Information furnished by commission. The local review committee may employ such persons as determined by the Public Utilities Commission which may be required to carry out the provisions of § 49-41B-7 and the expenses of said staff shall be paid from the initial filing fee. The commission shall furnish copies of the application to the members of the local review committee and all other information which the commission determines that the committee should receive.



South Dakota State Law

Committee Expenses

- 49-41B-9. Financing of committee expenses.
Expense payments and other authorized payments to members of the local review committee for their service on the committee shall be financed by the unit of government or utility which they represent.



South Dakota State Law

Final Committee Report

- 49-41B-10. Final report of committee. Within seven months after the application is filed the local review committee shall file a final report with the Public Utilities Commission which includes the recommendations of the committee as to mitigation measures and minority reports.
- Final Deadline - February 21, 2006



Big Stone II Project

Scope of Work/Expectations
(Memo from Terry Graumann
Otter Tail Power Company)

- Expectations: The Advisory Consultant to the Big Stone II Local Review Committee would provide the following services:
 - To serve in an advisory role to the LRC in their review and evaluation of the existing community information.
 - To serve in an advisory roll to the LRC in their identification of potential data gaps, unanswered questions, or findings requiring additional clarification.



Big Stone II Project

Scope of Work/Expectations
(Memo from Terry Graumann
Otter Tail Power Company)

- Expectations (Continued):
 - To assist the LRC in identifying the potential social and economic effect generated by the proposed Big Stone II facility, to assess the area's capacity to absorb the effects, and to formulate mitigation measures as prescribed in SDCL 49-41B-7
 - To develop a final report for submittal to the PUC as directed by the LRC as prescribe in 49-41B-8.



Exhibit I

Summary of Big Stone II Project

- The following information is taken from the application submitted to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission by Ottertail Power Company on behalf of Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (CMMPA); Great River Energy (GRE); Heartland Consumers Power District (HCPD); Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU); Otter Tail Corporation dba Otter Tail Power Company (OTP); Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA); and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (WMMPA).



Exhibit I

Summary of Big Stone II Project

- The estimated capital cost of the Big Stone II Project is \$1 billion.
- Construction is scheduled to start in the spring of 2007 with commercial operation targeted for the spring of 2011
- The Project is projected to employ approximately 1,400 workers during peak construction.
- Peak onsite workers would occur starting August 2009



Exhibit I

Fire Protection

- The Project will include an integrated fire protection program.
- Waste Management
- Coal combustion by-products will consist primarily of bottom ash, fly ash, and gypsum from the wet FGD system.



Exhibit I

Waste Management

- Coal combustion by-products will consist primarily of bottom ash, fly ash, and gypsum from the wet FGD system.
- Onsite Combustion by-products that cannot be marketed for reuse will be transported by trucks or scrapers to the onsite landfill for disposal
- Other Solid Waste Solid wastes other than coal combustion by-products during normal operation and maintenance activities will be trucked by a private contractor to an approved solid waste landfill or treatment facility.



Exhibit I

Chemical Materials and Waste

- Most materials classified as hazardous under state and federal laws that may be used and stored at Big Stone II have a site Risk Management Plan in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.



Exhibit I

Water Supply and Wastewater Management

- Big Stone II will be a zero liquid discharge (ZLD) facility, which utilizes wastewater concentration equipment designed so that no wastewater will leave the facility.
- Big Stone II systems have been designed to reuse water within the facility such that fresh makeup water consumption from Big Stone Lake is minimized.



Exhibit I

Water Storage

- Fresh water from Big Stone Lake will be stored in the existing Big Stone Plant unit I cooling pond, in the new Big Stone II makeup pond, and a pipe installed in the dike between the converted ponds will be used to connect the ponds, effectively turning them into a single pond.



Exhibit I

Key construction milestone dates:

- Start Sitework and Foundations Construction
April 2007
- Start Boiler Steel Erection
May 2008
- Complete Sitework and Foundations Construction
September 2008
- Start Steam Turbine Erection
October 2008



Exhibit I

Key construction milestone dates:

- Start Boiler Erection
November 2008
- Start Material Handling System Erection
December 2008
- Start Balance of Plant Construction
February 2009
- Complete Boiler Steel Erection
February 2009
- Complete Material Handling System
August 2009



Exhibit I

Key construction milestone dates:

- Energize Substation
November 2009
- Complete Steam Turbine Erection
December 2009
- Complete Boiler Erection
March 2010
- Complete Boiler Hydro
April 2010
- Start Boiler Commissioning
April 2010



Exhibit I

Key construction milestone dates:

- Start Steam Turbine Commissioning
May 2010
- Complete Balance of Plant Construction
May 2010
- Complete Steam Turbine Commissioning
July 2010
- Complete Boiler Commissioning
August 2010
- Initial Energy & Synchronization
August 2010



Exhibit I

Key construction milestone dates:

- Start Tuning, Performance & Availability Testing
September 2010
- Complete Tuning, Performance & Availability Testing
March 2011
- Commercial Operation
April 2011



Exhibit I

Workforce

- The onsite worker peak is projected to be around 28 months after mobilization
- Peak onsite workers would occur starting August 2009



Exhibit I

Fuel

- Fuel Source - Powder River Basin
- Maximum Expected Fuel Use Rate (at full load) - 376 tons/hour



Exhibit I

Solid or Radioactive Waste

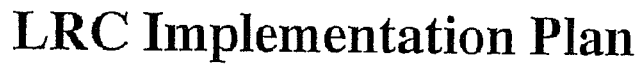
- The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources regulates solid waste facility activities under the SDCL 34A-6 and the ARSD Chapter 74:27.
- Big Stone II may use radioactive sources to monitor coal levels or coal flow and wet scrubber slurry density. Those sources will likely Cesium 137 and are regulated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.



Exhibit II

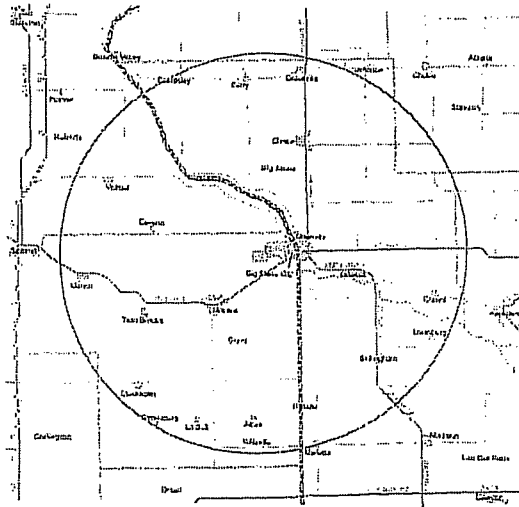
Summary of Social and Economic Impact

- Review Impact Summary Handout



- **With LRC review and evaluate the existing community information. Prepare a Summary of Impact for presentation to and discussion with identified entities.**
10 hours - October
- **With LRC identify potential data gaps, unanswered questions, or findings requiring additional clarification.**
8 hours - October
- **Prepare a Survey for each potentially identified entity.**
8 hours - October

20 Mile Radius Study Area





LRC Implementation Plan

Surveys and Interviews

- Present the Summary of Impact and administer the survey: (Total Interviews) (*Personal Visit*)
 - Cities – Mayor (11) (2)
 - Cities – Police Chief (2) (2)
 - Cities – Planning Officer – (2) (2)
 - County Commissions (3) (1)
 - County Sheriffs (3) (1)



LRC Implementation Plan

Surveys and Interviews Continued

- County Highway Superintendents (3) (1)
- School Districts – Superintendents (7) (2)
- School Districts – Business Managers (2) (2)
- Tribe – Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate – Chairman/Council (1) (1)
- Tribe – Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate – Planning Office (1)
- Fire Departments (11) (2)
- First Planning District (1) (1)

56 hours face to face and 56 hours phone interviews -
December



LRC Implementation Plan

- Research, Verify and Confirm the Social and Economic Factors from primary sources. 40 hours - December
- Prepare summary of findings for LRC and present identified social and economic effects to the LRC. 16 hours - December



LRC Implementation Plan

- Assist the LRC in identifying the potential social and economic effects generated by the proposed Big Stone II facility, to assess the area's capacity to absorb the effects, and to formulate mitigation measures as prescribed in SDCL 49-41B-7. 20 hours - December
- Develop a final report for submittal to the PUC as directed by the LRC as prescribed in 49-41B-8. 60 hours - January
----Deadline to Submit is February 21----



LRC Implementation Plan

- Total Projected Hours to Implement the Plan -
274 Hours
- \$175 per hour x 274 Hours = \$47,959



LRC Implementation Plan

Initial Recommendation

- Develop a Big Stone II Resource Web Site -
Coordinated one stop location for information.
 - Housing Information
 - Schools
 - Health Care
 - Transportation
 - Child Care
 - Employment
 - General Community Information



LRC Implementation Plan

Summary/Next Steps

- **Approve Scope of Work**
- **Establish Monthly Meeting Schedule**
- **Review Draft Letter from LRC to PUC
outlining this process**

Appendix D

Chairman Bull's letter to PUC and E-mail approval

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Big Stone II Local Review Committee
Steve Bull, Chairman
Summit, SD

September 18, 2005

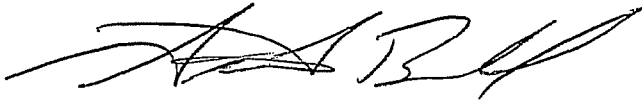
Pam Bonrud
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Ms Bonrud,

The Big Stone II Local Review Committee met on Thursday, September 15, 2005. A proposal (see attached) was presented by Bill Folkerts and Barry Wilfahrt to serve as staff to the committee pursuant to SD State Statute 49-41B-8. The committee voted unanimously to request \$47,959 from the PUC to employ them to assist the Local Review Committee to carry out the local review committee's responsibilities by the February 21, 2006 deadline.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bull', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steve Bull, Chairman
Big Stone II Local Review Committee

cc. Thomas Welk; Boyce, Greenfield, Pashby & Welk, L.L.P.

bill Folkerts

From: Barry Wilfahrt [barry@wat.midco.net]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2005 9:27 AM
To: michele.farris@state.sd.us
Cc: Bill Folkerts; Steve Bull
Subject: Consultant Agreement ? and 10-18-05 LRC Agenda



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Dear Michelle,

Thank you for confirming PUC approval of the LRC Consultant agreement.

Is there anything on our end that you need to finalize the contract with the consultant for the Local Review Committee for the Big Stone II Project? Bill and I each have a separate corporation and we are splitting the fee 50%-50%. His corporation is Venerts Investments, Inc. and mine The Greeter Inc.

If you need Tax ID numbers, etc, just let us know. We are meeting with the Committee again tomorrow night after we tour the Big Stone I plant.

I have attached the agenda FYI.

Thanks
Barry Wilfahrt

Appendix E

Weston 4 Questionnaire and Summary of Answers

BIG STONE II

South Dakota Local Review Committee Questions and Weston 4 Answers
Weston 4 Power Plant 500 MW
Wausau Wisconsin
October 4, 2005

Attending from Local Review Committee:

Steve Bull, LRC Chairman; Summit School Board
Mark Rolfes, Otter Tail Power Company
Barry Wilfahrt, Consultant
Bill Folkerts, Consultant
Don Larson, Milbank City Council/Acting Mayor
Scott Schneider, Big Stone City School Board
Mel Rinke, Ortonville City Council

Wisconsin Attendees:

Kelly T Zagrzebski, Public Affairs; Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
Roger Zimmermann -- Weston 4 Construction Management, Marathon County
Board of Supervisors; former Weston Plant Manager
Todd Steffen -- Public Affairs - Wisconsin Public Service
Steve Schaefer -- Weston Safety and Security-- Wisconsin Public
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Darien Schaefer - Central Wisconsin Convention and Visitors Bureau
Terry Charles -- Weyerhaeuser Paper
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Supervisors, Public Affairs Wisconsin Public Service

Overview of Weston 4 Project

A new 500-megawatt electric generating power plant, Weston 4, is currently being built at Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's Weston Power Plant site south of Wausau in central Wisconsin's Marathon County.

The \$752-million power plant addition will use clean coal technology, a high efficiency boiler, use low sulfur coal as fuel and feature state-of-the-art emission controls to minimize environmental and social impacts.

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation will design, construct and operate the new facility and will share ownership with Dairyland Power Cooperative. WPSC would receive 350 megawatts (70 percent) and Dairyland would receive 150 megawatts (30 percent). The ownership agreement was approved by regulators on May 19, 2005 and signed on May 24, 2005.

The new generator will be located adjacent to the 360-megawatt Weston Unit 3 built in 1981. Also on the property are Weston Unit 1 (60 megawatts-1954) and Weston Unit 2(90 megawatts-1960). The entire site is 345 acres along the Wisconsin River in the Marathon County villages of Rothschild and Kronenwetter.

The project was announced in September 2002, an application was submitted to regulators in September 2003 and approval was granted by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) in September 2004. Groundbreaking was held in November 2004 and, soon after, construction began. The plant is expected to be operational in the summer of 2008. The four-year construction period will employ between 1,000 to 1,200 workers.

Weston 4 is needed to meet the anticipated 2 to 3 percent annual growth in the state's electrical demand.

About the area. 80,000 population within 10 miles. 125,000 within 20 miles. Much larger area than the Big Stone project area.

Currently 2 – 2.5 years ahead of the Big Stone II. Currently have 400 employees working on Weston 4 – not at anticipated peak of 1,000 to 1,200 yet.

Local Review Committee Questions:

1. Housing supplies:

Since employees really drive the need for housing we want to know more about your experience with the employees, so:

How many of the construction workers were local employees?

Local employees make up 80% of the workforce so far. Most of the workers are from the region with Green Bay 89 miles to the east about the limit for what people will commute every day.

Did any of these local employees need more or additional housing? *Most commute daily to and from work and already live in the area.*

How many of the new employees that came to area needed housing? How many stayed in hotels?

Construction management group of 50 to 60 employees are the first to arrive. 80% moved in with their spouse coming along with them. Very few had children. Most of these purchased a home and some negotiated a long-term lease. The remaining 20% (most of those with children) have come without their families and commute back and forth every few weeks.

The second group to come are the trades and vendors. The boilermakers (15 people) rented apartments. Most of the rest are staying in hotels or renting apartments with the majority staying in hotels.

What was done to meet housing needs?

A motel list within a 45 mile radius of the plant was provided to all workers along with a community information packet. There are 2,000 hotel rooms in central WI. The potential for an influx of construction workers was discussed at monthly Innkeepers meetings. A Wisconsin Public Service public relations staff member visits the hotels housing the majority of the workers monthly to determine any special needs/problems. There have been no issues resulting from the construction workers to date.

An apartment list was provided to all workers. The list included "acceptable" apartments within a 10-15 mile radius.

A central Wisconsin Real Estate Guide was also provided to all workers.

How did housing demand change as construction progressed? Changes with the type of workers on the construction site?

The initial group of 50-60 construction managers typically purchased a home or sought a long term lease. The next wave of workers rented hotel space or found an apartment. It is expected the next group of workers to arrive will also seek apartments and hotel rooms for their more temporary stay.

How did the type of housing demands change over time of plant construction? For example, housing needs for professional workers, skilled workers, common laborers, etc.

Specifically, of the employees that came/ new to the area to work on the plant?
How many needed housing?

100% of the construction management group needed housing and so far about 20% of the balance of the workforce has needed housing. It is expected by the end of the project 40% to 50% of all of the workers working one facet of the project or another will come from outside of the local labor market.

How long was housing needed? *Six months to 4 years.*

What type of housing was needed?

Family-long term? *Minimal.*

Family-short term? *Minimal.*

Sizes of families needing housing? *Very few families brought children with.*

Single worker -long term – *Significant apartments and hotel rooms.*

Single worker- short term? - *Significant apartments and hotel rooms.*

Other ? – *A small number expressed an interest in camping during the summer.*

Ability of families to pay? *Most jobs are management or union and most are very capable of paying.*

Did you find families or single workers brought mobile homes, campers?? *They were not aware of any mobile homes or campers as living quarters to date.*

How many?

Any special housing needs?

Suggestions for taking care of housing needs:

Provide information packets with apartment list, motel/hotel listings, real estate guide for the area and community information on the area.

Was there any change in rent rates during the construction project?

None were noticed.

There has been a significant spike in home leases, apartment rentals, hotel room rentals for longer time periods and even some home purchases resulting from the project.

Hotels were concerned that the construction project would adversely impact occupancy by 25% and actually requested mitigation payments which they did not get and has not happened a year into the project.

(1a.)Employees/Employment:

The first group to arrive on site were the construction management employees. Of these 50 to 60 employees 80% moved in with their spouse coming along with them. 20% came without their families and commute back and forth every few weeks. Almost everyone with children left their family behind and commute.

The second group consists of the trades and vendors. 80% are from the area.

Before hiring potential employees receive a background check and drug test. 5% to 9% fail one or the other.

Overall the observation is the workforce is much different today than 25 years ago when the Westin 3 plant was built. Most have families and most do not go out the way they did 20 and 30 years ago. Significant positive cultural change compared the crew that built the 1980 project among those moving to the area to work on the Weston 4.

How did you handle the listing of available jobs for local employees?

Applications for jobs were handled through the Northeast Wisconsin Building and Construction Trades Council – see attached web site – Exhibit 1.

What can we learn about encouraging local employees?

Contracts were listed on a web site in the form of RFPs so local vendors and contractors had an opportunity to participate in the project – see attached information from the web – Exhibit 2.

Did construction wage push local wages higher? *Don't know. It is a union project so it is unlikely it had any significant impact.*

Did any of the local service jobs remain vacant because workers went to the construction jobs? *Don't know.*

Did new employee spouses need jobs? How was this handled? *Only a handful of spouses moved to the area.*

How far were workers willing to travel from home to work? *Green Bay which is 89 miles away is the longest commute they were aware of. Many commute 10 to 15 miles a day.*

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Among the new families that came to the area how many students came?

99% of the 50-60 construction management team members who have children did not bring them.

95-99% of the first 400 overall employees did not bring their families so the impact on educational institutions has been minimal.

What age groups/grades did you see? *No Impact.*

Special need requirements of the new students? *No Impact.*

Educational

Mental

Physical

Language – *among the construction managers and trades people there were no bilingual issues. 80% of the laborers are from the area.*

Which languages??

Adult education needs? *None.*

Were any staff members added specifically as a result of the construction project? *No.*
If so in what areas? *None.*

Additional Comments:

Education representatives admin/teachers were not originally included on the community committee. They were later added to the mailing list – They should have been contacted earlier

The project is a union project

They anticipate a maximum of 40% to 50% of the workers will be from outside the 90 mile area surrounding the Weston 4 plant

Not including hospitality and economic impact approximately \$25MM in local goods and services will be purchased during construction.

Local contractors interested in securing work were instructed to click on the VENDOR section on the Weston 4 web site where guidelines and contracts were listed. Vendor meetings were held to educate local contractors on potential opportunities. See sample web listings in Exhibit 3.

(3) Water supply and distribution;

Were any changes made to accommodate the influx of people?

Plant: None. The Weston 4 plant will require an additional 2,880 gallons of water a day.

Workers: None. Current supplies can adequately supply anticipated workforce.

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Were any changes made to accommodate the influx of people?

Plant: None. The Weston 4 plant will require an additional 2,880 gallons of water a day and a similar amount could potentially be returned to the city of Kronweilder's sanitary sewer system.

Workers: None. Current capacity can adequately supply anticipated workforce.

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Were any changes made to accommodate the influx of people?

Solid Waste: The peak employment of 1,000 will have minimal impact on a metro area with a population of 125,000.

Recycling: 86% of the construction materials used were able to be recycled to date.

Fugative noise, dust and light control: All were considerations and mitigation measures are in place for each as part of plant design and construction management.

(6) Law enforcement;

Did you experience increased crimes?

After 1 year of construction there has been no noticeable difference in crime. Police Chief has not seen any problems of note. Much different than in 1980 when Weston 3 was built.

Qualifying workers with drug tests and criminal background checks is what they believe made a huge difference. The local police forces have been kept up to date with the influx of any new significant employment base. As new groups come in they are informed.

If so, what types? *None.*

Special criminal activities? *None.*

Drugs? Others? *The advance screening process and background checks have proven very beneficial.*

Any increases in court Costs? Cost for court appointed attorneys? *None.*

Any increased needs/demand for alcohol and/or drug treatment programs? *None.*

General Comments:

The time to make friends with neighbors and professional staff that you may need later is now, not when you need them.

Give special tours to all effected law enforcement and emergency personnel every 6 months because roads and internal layout of the plant and grounds change as construction progresses.

Treat all law enforcement groups the same and keep all of them informed.

(7) Transportation:

Any special needs for workers? Need for large local employers to change worker shifts?

Coordinated work schedules with other major employers in the transportation network to ensure minimal congestion. Coordinated with HR directors.

Split Weston product and employee entrances to streamline traffic and minimize traffic impact on surrounding areas.

Construction workers work one of several shifts 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; 4 10 hours days, some work Saturdays and very little 24/7 operation other than security

Increased traffic from site? Yes.

Realigned an intersection to improve overall ingress egress from the plant. This needed to be done for a long time and the construction project made it a necessity. More than 1.2MM was spent to realign this intersection. This was the only significant external mitigation measure Wisconsin Public Service noted to make Weston 4 a reality.

Worked with rail to incorporate a continuous loop design into the project. It will reduce traffic congestion (wait time for train unloading and uncoupling) and noise of coupling trains.

(8) Fire protection:

Any special needs identified? Any special action required?

A tour is given to area fire department and emergency personnel every 6 months. Changes in site layout and design as the project progresses have resulted in major changes to the entrance, roads and overall layout of the site

Weston has fire suppression measures of its own in addition to coordinating efforts with area fire departments. Storage of hazardous materials also require coordination with the two surrounding village's fire departments.

Important to involve emergency services departments as well as fire departments. Jointly assess nature of risks and develop a procedure to address them before the need. Get to know the first responders before the need arises.

(9) Health:

Did the new workers have any special health needs?

Did the worker have any new ailments/health issues to the Wisconsin communities that was not found in the local population?

Were any changes made to accommodate the influx of people?

Contracted with Medcore to staff an on-site first aid station during construction when there are 30 or more trade workers on the site. One of the three safety managers is always on the site during construction.

On site emt if more than 30 trade personnel on site whenever 30 or more trade employees are on site. Also three safety managers on site on various shifts.

5 emergency calls in the first years. Sprained ankle and minimal issues. Worst case so far was a beam hitting a worker which also turned out to be minor. 173 days without a lost time accident on their sign on the day of our visit.

Jointly assess nature of risks and develop a procedure to address them before the need. Get to know the first responders

(10) Recreation;

Any special needs? Any new demands/needs?

Did the existing facilities handle the demands?

None. All existing facilities and recreational opportunities have adequate capacity to accommodate the influx of new people.

(11) Government;

How did the various units of government cooperate? Any special committees or joint programs shared between various communities or units of government?

No special action or coordination between the local units of government was necessary.

The key is to treat the impacted units of government the same. Keep them informed.

(12) Energy

No issues relating to increased energy demands resulting from the project were discussed.

(13) General Questions/Comments

How did you disseminate impact information to the existing population?

Public information: Public information meetings, media, elected and local leaders, ongoing communication with Neighbors, speakers bureau, community advisory group (not mandated) extensive web site always up to date, former Wisconsin Public Service employees.

Groundbreaking and public open house was held.

Whatever you tell the communities make sure you can back it up. Also keep notes and power points and a record of everything you say and do so you can prove it later.

Keep in very close contact with local leaders so they know before something is going to happen as often as possible.

Web site has averaged 465 hits per month. Site includes photos and all information on the project and information tailored to workers and local people looking for employment with the project.

Every employee has been coached to help understand that anything they do in the community is a reflection on Wisconsin Public Service

General Comments – Retirees of Wisconsin Public Service should have been contacted and brought in to the project plan earlier to help educate the public on the project

Community picnic and hayride/picnic to see what the grounds look like.

Special Neighbors events to familiarize them with the plant and what is going on there.

Very involved with United way. Had a chili fest to raise money.

Special tours for legislators, DNR, and highway commission

How did you disseminate information to incoming workers?

Web site and packets at time of application.

What were the three biggest challenges you encountered in accommodating the plant construction?

1. Ingress/Egress – transportation issue at the plant entrance

The only mitigation item was the ingress egress to the plant which needed to be done anyway.

2. Proximity to developed area – public relations efforts to help all of these entities understand what was being done and when.

Did anything surprise your community?

1. More local employment than from far outside of the local area.

2. There were several requests for mitigation items, but it was more of a “piling on” effect because of possible availability of funds than actual issues that needed mitigation.

Appendix G

Copies of Completed Questionnaires

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Big Stone II						
Number of Persons Answering by Questions						
				NUMBER OF PERSONS ANSWERING		
				Yes	No	NA
General						
Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?				59	0	0
Are you aware of the expected employment?				58	1	0
(1) Housing supplies; Employees/employment						
Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?				24	12	4
Do you think you have adequate enforcement						
to handle building pressure in the county?				4	2	2
Will the new jobs be important for your area?				53	5	1
Will housing be an issue for your staff?				4	21	0
For others?				10	9	4
Will this impact your employment needs?				7	14	3
Does your community currently have any vacant housing?				17	2	0
Do you expect vacant housing in the future?				10	8	1
Do you have homes for sale periodically?				17	2	0
Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?				8	11	0
Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?				7	12	0
Could pre-built home/housing units be moved in?				17	2	0
Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??				12	6	1
Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?				3	11	5
Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents?				0	12	7
(2) Educational facilities and manpower						
Do you think education will be an issue for your community?				5	50	4
Do you expect to have any special educational needs?				4	9	3
(3) Water supply and distribution						
Do you see any water issues for your community or county?				5	32	3
Will you have adequate water if the population increases?				20	0	1
(4) Waste water treatment and collection						
Will waste water treatment be an issue?				2	52	5
Will you need training?				1	1	0
Will you need any special or more equipment?				0	2	0
(5) Solid waste disposal and collection						
Will solid waste be an issue for your county/community?				3	51	5
Your community can handle the demand?				2	0	0

Will you need information about the waste generated at the plant?	0	2	0
Do you expect to need any additional training?	0	2	0
Do you have the needed equipment to handle the waste generated?	1	1	0
	Yes	No	NA
(6) Law enforcement			
Will law enforcement be an issue for the county/city?	34	16	9
Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?	34	15	10
Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies??	22	12	7
(7) Transportation			
Will transportation be an issue?	6	30	5
Do you see any need for assistance??	7	44	8
Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?	0	16	2
Any action needed on traffic?	0	1	0
Traffic impact on roads?	1	0	0
Will weight limits be an issue?	1	0	0
Do you need any information about the sub-contractors?	1	0	0
Will you have the equipment needed to maintain roads?	1	0	0
(8) Fire protection			
Will fire protection be an issue?	8	45	6
Do you have the equipment you will need?	13	8	0
Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?	12	7	2
Any Special action required	0	7	0
Any special needs identified	1	5	1
(9) Health			
Do you think there will be any health issues?	5	48	6
Do you think you will need more indigent care?	2	5	0
Do you think the County Nurse will have any issues?	5	3	0
Can the county/city/district handle the situation?	25	4	2
Do you think the medical facilities can handle the situation?	6	1	0
Do you expect any special needs?	2	5	0
Do you think you have the needed staff member's skill sets?	7	0	0
(10) Recreation			
Do you have the needed recreation facilities?	29	6	6
Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?	15	2	1
Do you see any issues in this area??	7	42	9
(11) Government			

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from						
the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??				52	0	7
Do you have any concerns??				5	45	9
Will you be able to handle the indigent needs?				7	0	1
				Yes	No	NA
12) Energy						
Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, etc.) facilities??				51	2	6
				Number of		
				Persons		
				Rank	Answering	
What do you think of the development?				Great 1	33	
				2	10	
				3	5	
				4	4	
				5	0	
				6	0	
				7	0	
				8	1	
				9	0	
				Bad 10	0	
				NA	5	
				Total	58	
Overall Impression - Average score= 1.74						

Appendix F

Consultants' List of Those Interviewed

Interview List for Big Stone II Local Review Committee

Attempted	Completed	Completed	On the	Interview In Person	Title	First	Last	Phone	email
Interviewed	Questionnaire	LRC	Jurisdiction						
X	X	X	X	X	Mayor	Deb	Wilk	862-8303	dbwk@wat.midco.net
X	X	X	X		Council President	Randy	Athey		
X	X	X	X		Finance Officer	Janet	Smith		
X	X	X	X		Police Chief	Bob	Goerman		
X	X	X	X		Asst Fire Chief	Joe	Wilk		
X	X	X	X		Fire Chief	Todd	Kueltex		
X	X	X	X		Public Works Director	Bob	Athey	432-4069	djlarson@ddpla.net
X	X	X	X		Acting Mayor	Don	Larson		
Out of town for extended time	X	X	X		Mayor	Dale	Aesoph	432-6685	
X	X		X		City Administrator	Jason	Kettwig		
X	X		X		Police Chief	Tim	Kwasniewski		
X	X		X		Finance Officer	Cynthia	Schumacher		
X	X		X		Fire Chief				
X	X		X		City Council	Joel	Foster		
X	X		X		City Council	Scott	Hoেকে		
X	X		X		Mayor	David	Dinnel	320-839-6226	mustang@ortonville.net
X	X		X		Finance Officer	Char	Grossman		
X	X		X		City Council	Alan	Arndt		
X	X		X		Police Chief	Curt	Horman		
X	X		X		Fire Chief	Randy	McClain		
X	X		X		Public Works Director	Tim	Scherer		
X	X		X		Supt	Ellen	Helgeson	862-8108	ellen.helgeson@k12.sd.us
X	X		X		School Board	Scott	Schneider	862-8408	scott.schneider@mn.usda.gov
X	X		X		Business Manager	Vicky	Torgerson	862-8108	vicky.torgerson@k12.sd.us
X	X		X		Supt	Marlin	Smart	432-5579	marlin.smart@k12.sd.us
X	X		X		School Board	Malcolm	Dirkson	432-6128	dirkson@tnics.com
X	X		X		Business Manager	Diann	Dauwen	432-5570	diann.dauwen@k12.sd.us
X	X		X		Supt	Jeff	Taylor	320-839-2909	jtaylor@ortonville.k12.mn.us
X	X		X		School Board	Marlow	Klipel		
X	X		X		School Board	Kathi	Thyman		
X	X		X		Business Manager	LuAnn	Hanson	320-839-2909	
X	X		X		Commissioner	Paul	Dummann		
X	X		X		Commissioner	Richard	Berens	432-6711	
X	X		X		Commissioner	Gene	Mann		
X	X		X		Commissioner	Doug	Stengel		
X	X		X		Commissioner	Clayton	Tucholke	432-6711	
X	X		X		Auditor	Karen	Loehr	432-5853	
X	X		X		Sheriff	Mike	McKernan	432-5861	
X	X		X		Hwy Supt	Kernan	Schultz		
X	X		X		Nurse	Joan	Frericks		
X	X		X		Emergency Management	Sheryl	Mogaard	938-4745	
X	X		X		City Council	Norm	Hanson	938-4588	
X	X		X		Mayor	Harlan	Hanson		

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y=Information forwarded to consultant through a second party

SUMMARY OF ALL RESPONDENTS

Law Enforcement

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes 4 No 0

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes 4 No 0

1. Housing supplies:

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? Yes 2 No 1 NA 1

What do you want to see done to help? _____

- I assume some workers will need to commute some distance

(1a) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your county/City? Yes 4 No 0

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth - 4
Newspaper - 4
Websites - 1
SD Career Center - 3
Local radio - 4

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

- Requirements for employment, drug testing, background checks

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes 0 No 3 NA 1

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

- I think our school has plenty of facilities - may need staff
- I assume to more info they have the better prepared they could be

3) Water supply and distribution:

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Do you see any water issues for your community or county/City? Yes 2 No 2

(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes 2 No 2

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your county/City? Yes 2 No 2

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your county/City? Yes 4 No 0

Do you feel your county/City can handle the situation? Yes 2 No 1 NA 1

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies?? Yes 4 No 0

If yes, which ones?

- I think all of the departments will need to work together and help back and forth.
- Neighboring Counties or state agencies.
- We work jointly with the county sheriff's office
- Grant City Sheriff's office, Ortonville MN Police Department and state patrol

What needs do you expect?

- I think that the departments in the immediate vicinity may need more personnel
- Possibly more manpower to cover patrol hours
- Increase staff by 1 FTE and have a bilingual person available - applicable fees
- Assistance during emergency calls - assisting with calls from sheriff's department

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue? Yes 0 No 2 NA 2

Do you see any need for assistance?? Yes 0 No 2 NA 2

Any action needed?

- I would think workers would be responsible for their own transportation

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes 1 No 2 NA 1

Any special needs identified?

Any special action required?

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I would think these two depend on any hazardous substances, etc.

(9) Health:

Do you think there are any County/City health issues?

Yes 1 No 1 NA 2

Can the county/city handle the situation?

Yes 2 No 0 NA 2

What may be needed? _____

(10) Recreation:

Do you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes 1 No 0 NA 3

Do you see any issues in this area??

Yes 2 No 0 NA 2

Any special needs? _____

- As mobile as people are I assume people will go to other areas as well

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes 3 No 0 NA 1

Do you have any concerns??

Yes 1 No 2 NA 1

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

- As I mentioned earlier I feel law enforcement may need additional personnel

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities??

Yes 3 No 0 NA 1

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 - 1

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4 - 1

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Bad 10

NA - 2

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

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QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: *TIM KUASNIEWSKI*

Organization: *CITY OF MILBANK POLICE DEPT*

Date: *10-1-05*

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? *?* Yes ☐ No ☐

What do you want to see done to help?? _____

(1a.)Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your county/City? Yes ☒ No ☐

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth ☒
Newspaper ☒
Websites ☒
SD Career Center ☒
Local radio ☒

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes ☐ No ☐

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county/City? Yes__ No__

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No__

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your county/City? Yes__ No__

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for your county/City? Yes☒ No__

Do you feel your county/City can handle the situation? Yes☒ No__ IF WE INCREASE

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies?? FTE'S BY 1
Yes__ No__

If yes, which ones?? WE WORK JOINTLY WITH THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

What needs do you expect? INCREASE STAFF BY 1 FTE + HAVE A

BILINGUAL PERSON AVAILABLE - APPLICABLE FEES

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue? Yes__ No__

Do you see any need for assistance?? Yes__ No__

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection;

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes__ No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there are any County/City health issues? Yes__ No__

Can the county /city handle the situation? Yes__ No__

What may be needed? _____

(10) Recreation:

Do you have the needed recreation facilities? Yes__ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?? Yes__ No__

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes__ No__

Do you have any concerns?? Yes__ No__

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities?? Yes__ No__

LAST

What do you think of the development? Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Bob Goergen
Organization: Police Dept
Date: Nov 1, 2005

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes ~~X~~ No __

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes ~~X~~ No __

1. Housing supplies:

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? Yes ~~X~~ No __

What do you want to see done to help?? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your county/City? Yes ~~X~~ No __

How do people find out about jobs now?
Word of mouth
Newspaper
Websites
SD Career Center
Local radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes __ No ~~X~~

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county/City? Yes__ No__

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No__

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your county/City? Yes__ No__

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for your county/City? Yes ☒ No__

Do you feel your county/City can handle the situation? Yes ☒ No__

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies?? Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones?? Grant Co. Sheriff's Dept. - Ortonville, Mn.
Police Dept - STATE PATROL.

What needs do you expect? ASSISTANCE during emergency calls -
assisting with call hours from Sheriff's Dept.

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue? Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?? Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection;

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes ☒ No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there are any County/City health issues? Yes__ No__

Can the county /city handle the situation? Yes__ No__

What may be needed? _____

(10) Recreation:

Do you have the needed recreation facilities? Yes__ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?? Yes__ No__

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns?? Yes__ No__

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities?? Yes ☒ No__

LAST

What do you think of the development? Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: CURTIS HORMANN - POLICE CHIEF - ORTONVILLE

Organization: ORTONVILLE POLICE DEPT.

Date: 10-19-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? Yes ☐ No ☒

What do you want to see done to help?? I would assume some
WORKERS WILL NEED TO COMMUTE SOME DISTANCE.

(1a.)Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your county/City? Yes ☒ No ☐

How do people find out about jobs now?

ALL

Word of mouth
Newspaper
Websites
SD Career Center
Local radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? ?

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes ☐ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? I THINK OUR SCHOOL HAS PLENTY
OF FACILITIES - MAY NEED STAFF. I ASSUME THE MORE INFO.
THEY HAVE THE BETTER PREPARED THEY COULD BE.

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county/City?

Yes__ No ☒

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your county/City?

Yes__ No ☒

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for your county/City?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you feel your county/City can handle the situation?

Yes__ No__ UNSURE

Do you need help form the other law enforcement agencies??

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones?? I THINK ALL THE DEPT WILL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AND HELP BACK & FORTH

What needs do you expect? I THINK THAT THE DEPARTMENTS IN THE IMMEDIATE FACINITY MAY NEED MORE PERSONNEL.

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue?

UNSURE

Yes__ No__

Do you see any need for assistance??

Yes__ No__

Any action needed? I WOULD THINK WORKERS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION.

(8) Fire protection;

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? I WOULD THINK THESE 2 WOULD DEPEND

Any special action required? ON ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, ETC.

(9) Health:

Do you think there are any County/City health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

Can the county /city handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

What may be needed? _____

(10) Recreation:

Do you have the needed recreation facilities? *UNSURE OF NEEDS?* Yes__ No__

Do you see any issues in this area??

Yes__ No__

Any special needs? *AS MOBILE AS PEOPLE ARE I ASSUME THEY WILL*

GO TO OTHER AREAS AS WELL.

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns??

Yes ☒ No__

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? *AS I*

MENTIONED EARLIER I FEEL LAW ENFORCEMENT MAY NEED ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities??

Yes ☒ No__

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: *Mike McKernan*

Organization: *Grant County Sheriff*

Date: *11-1-05*

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? Yes ☒ No ☐

What do you want to see done to help?? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your county/City? Yes ☒ No ☐

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth
Newspaper
Websites
SD Career Center
Local radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? Requirements for
Employment, Drug Testing, Background checks

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes ☐ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county/City?

Yes__ No ☒

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your county/City?

Yes__ No ☒

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for your county/City?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you feel your county/City can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No ☒

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies??

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones?? Neighboring Counties or State Agencies

What needs do you expect? Possibly more manpower to cover patrol hours

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance??

Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection;

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there are any County/City health issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Can the county /city handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What may be needed? _____

(10) Recreation:

Do you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area??

Yes ☐ No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns??

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities??

Yes ☒ No ☐

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

SUMMARY OF ALL RESPONDENTS

Mayor/President BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes 19 No 0

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes 18 No 1

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes 17 No 2

How many units? # _____

- Revillo - 2
- Corona - 3
- Bellingham, MN - 10
- Wilmot - 3-4
- Big Stone City - 10-12
- Strandburg - 1
- Ortonville - 81 motel rooms
- Ortonville - 5 houses
- Ortonville - 35 apartments
- Milbank - 60

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes 10 No 8 NA 1

How many units? # _____

- Corona - 1
- Wilmot - 1-2
- Big Stone City - 5-6

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes 17 No 2

Number of homes # _____

- Twin Brooks - 2
- Revillo - 1
- Corona - 1-2
- Bellingham, MN - 4
- Wilmot - 1-2
- Big Stone City - 3-4; 6

G403

- LaBolt – less than on per year
- Milbank - 30

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes 8 No 11

How many? #

- Corona – No
- Big Stone City – 5-10, 10
- Big Stone City – Working on finding a developer
- Milbank – 30-60

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes 7 No 12

How many? #

- Corona – Duplex
- Big Stone City – Maybe 1

Could pre-built home/housing units be moved in?

Yes 17 No 2

Number of vacant lots #

- Twin Brooks – 2
- Revillo – 5
- Corona – 10
- Wilmot – 6-8
- Big Stone City – 4-5
- LaBolt – very limited
- Ortonville – 50

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent?

Yes 12 No 6 NA 1

Number of lots? #

- Revillo – 3
- Corona – No
- Bellingham, MN – We may have suitable lots that may work
- Big Stone City – 28, 18
- Ortonville – 10
- Milbank – 25

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes 3 No 11 NA 5

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes 0 No 12 NA 7

What other housing issues do you see?

- Will probably not have a lot of impact on Corona
- The biggest shortage of homes will be in the \$110k - \$150k so in all likelihood locals will have to upgrade to make these houses available
- Foresee a lack of housing in closer area (Milbank, Ortonville and Big Stone City)
- Affordable housing
- Overbuilding for construction
- Wadsworth and Larson buying up all rental property and possibility of increasing rates

6404

- Rising cost of utilities to build plant

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community?

Yes 16 No 2 NA 1

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth - 12
SD Job Services - 10
City Hall - 1
Newspaper - 12
Local Radio - 4

What would information you like to see provided for workers?

- Website listings available jobs, easily accessible resources
- Housing, entertainment, businesses in local and area, emergency service locations and phone numbers etc
- Types of jobs, certifications/qualifications required, pay ranges
- Comprehensive web site
- Information promoting local services
- Jobs available

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community?

Yes 1 No 16 NA 2

What do think needs to be done to done?

- Milbank has an excellent school system
- By the time the plant is built Milbank will have less students due to declining enrollment so I believe the current schools could absorb more students
- Dependent on the number of school age children
- Nothing unless there is a large need for ESL education

3) Water supply and distribution:

Will you have adequate water if the population increases?

Yes 18 No 0 NA 1

What water issues do you see with more people in your community?

- New water line being built from Twin Brooks in 2006

(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes 0 No 18 NA 1

If yes what?

- Upgrades will be needed but will be necessary regardless of increased use

6405

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes 0 No 18 NA 1

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes 11 No 5 NA 3

If yes what? _____

- We rely on Grant County for protection
- Unforeseen, depends on traffic type
- May need more FTE's
- Need more help
- Need additional officer and vehicle
- Have been planning in Milbank already. Don't think this will be a problem
- Town of LaBolt relies on Grant County Sheriff and has no local law enforcement
- Possibly from Big Stone and county sheriff's department
- Holding facilities
- Need additional officers
- We have only one officer in Big Stone City

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes 13 No 2 NA 4

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes 10 No 5 NA 4

If yes, Which ones? _____

- County
- Possibly in training for upcoming issues resulting from construction
- Milbank and Ortonville
- County Sheriff
- Grant County, Big Stone City, Ortonville
- Big Stone Police Department

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes 1 No 17 NA 1

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes 0 No 17 NA 2

Any action needed? _____

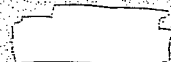
- We should have more cab service

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes 3 No 15 NA 1

6406



Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes 12 No 7

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes 11 No 6 NA 2

Any special needs identified?

- Need high angle rescue equipment
- Special training for construction activity
- Look at high rescue equipment
- Further training in a power plant fire or rescue

Any special action required?

- Fire protection is several miles away from our town and any help there would be appreciated
- Keep us informed
- Local departments will need to be trained on Power Plant construction issues
- Training in high angle rescue
- Trained to fight residential fires. Not experienced in responding to large commercial type facilities. May not have equipment to deal with large heights, etc.
- Possible ladder problems
- Training by professional safety training officer
- Tour and training of power plant facility and risks involved

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes 2 No 16 NA 1

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes 12 No 4 NA 1

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes 4 No 13 NA 2

I yes what?

Any special needs?

- Lack of facilities
- If use of local recreation areas increase so will cost of maintenance and upkeep
- People don't always know what is available to them right after work

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?

Yes 17 No 0 NA 2

Do you have any concerns?

Yes 2 No 13 NA 3

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above?

- Otter Tail Power Company is a first class operation and we are confident in their planning and preparation

6407

- Good information from Big Stone II

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?
Yes 17 No 0 NA 2

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 - 12

2 - 4

3 - 2

4 -

5

6

7

8

9

Bad 10

NA - 1

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

- Continue to keep the public informed
- Help to coordinate communities housing and zoning ordinances to be consistent
- Let us know if you need anything else from the City of Milbank
- The rural setting brings different problems than it would to a more populated area
- Ability to build community image, make available marketing for community and activities in community for activities/events

6408

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Wanda Thaden

Organization: Marvin Mayor

Date: 11-27-05

Says she will mail it, Info based on Phone Interview

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes__ No__

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes__ No__

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes X No__

How many units? # 1

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes__ No X

How many units? # _____

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes X No__

Number of homes # _____

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes__ No X

How many? # _____

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes__ No X

How many? # _____

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes__ No__ ?

Number of vacant lots # _____

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes__ No X

Number of lots? # _____

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes__ No X

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Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No__

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ☒ No__

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth ☒
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper ☒
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes__ No ☒

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes X No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes__ No X

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No__ NA

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes__ No__ NA

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes__ No__ NA

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No X

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: *Todd Kuebler*

Organization: *chief*

Date: *11/3/05*

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Number of homes #

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No~~X~~

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.)Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes~~X~~ No__

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes~~X~~ No__

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes~~X~~ No__

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No~~X~~

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes X No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes__ No X

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No X

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection;

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes X No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes X No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health;

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No X

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes__ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No~~x~~

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes~~x~~ No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No~~x~~

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes~~x~~ No__

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

(Great) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: SCOTT HOEKE

Organization: CITY OF MILBANK

Date: 11-1-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes X No

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes X No

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes X No

How many units? #

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes X No

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes X No

Number of homes #

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes X No

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes X No

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes X No

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes X No

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes No X

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No X

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes X No__

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No X

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes X No__

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No__

If yes what? Been planning already. I do not think this will be a problem.

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes__ No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes__ No__

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No__

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

OTP is a first class organization, we are confident in their planning and preparation.

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? Let us know

if you need anything else from the City of Milbank.

Mayors/Presidents

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Mirrah Hicks

Organization: Chamber of Commerce

Date: 11/1/05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes X No

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes X No

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes X No

How many units? #

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes No

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes X No

Number of homes #

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes X No

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes No X

How many? # use existing

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes No

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes No

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

? Yes No

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Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes ☒ No ☐

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ☒ No ☐

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? information

providing local services

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes ☐ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes ☒ No ☐

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No^AX

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes^XX No__

If yes what? ~need additional officers

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes__ No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes__ No__

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No^XX

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No^XX

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection;

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No^XX

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes__ No^XX

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes__ No^XX

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health;

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes^XX No^XX

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes what? people don't always know what options are available to do after work

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☐ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

(Great) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? ability to build

community image, make available marketing for community
and activities in community for activity/events.

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name:

Organization:

Town of Revillo

Date:

PO Box 3
57259

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? # 2

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes # 1

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots # 5

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? # 3

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No ☒

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes__ No ☒

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth?
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes ☒ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes ☒ No__

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community? Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes what? We rely on County Sheriff for enforcement

Do you feel your community can handle the situation? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, which ones? County

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance? Yes ☐ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes ☒ No ☒

Do you have the equipment that you will need? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation? Yes ☐ No ☒

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues? Yes ☐ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes__ No__ ✓

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No__ ✓

I yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes__ No__ ✓

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No__ ✓

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes__ No__ ✓

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Joel Foster

Organization: Milbank City Council / P&Z

Date: 11/1/05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes X No

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes X No

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes X No

How many units? # ?

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes X No

How many units? # ?

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes X No

Number of homes # ?

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes X No

How many? # ?

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes X No

How many? # if need is available / affordability

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes X No

Number of vacant lots # provided it is permanent in nature

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes X No

Number of lots? # ?

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes No X

not to a great extent

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No X

What other housing issues do you see? The biggest housing issues will be shortage of homes in the 110.-150 k so in all likelihood locals would need to upgrade to make these houses available

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes X No__

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

Website listing available jobs, easily accessible resources

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No X

What do think needs to be done to done? Milbank has an excellent school that by the time the plant is built will in all likelihood have less students due to declining enrollment so I believe the current schools could absorb more students.

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes X No__

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? New water line from Twin Brooks being built in 2006

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No X

If yes what? Upgrades may be needed, but will be necessary regardless of increased use.

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes X No__

If yes what? may need more FTE

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes X No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes X No__

If yes, which ones? Probably in training for upcoming issues resulting from construction

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No X

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection;

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes X No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes X No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? Local departments will need to be trained on Power Plant Construction issues.

(9) Health;

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No X

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes__ No X

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes X No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No X

*not at present
time*

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes X No__

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

Help to coordinate communities housing & zoning
ordinances to be consistent.

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Char Grossman

Organization:

clerk.administrator@cityofastonille.org

Date:

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

5 Houses 35 Apt

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

4 Houses 31 Apt

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes #

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Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

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Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? #

10

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☐ No ☐

~~essential/lessen~~
Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No__

What other housing issues do you see? not at this time just
raising cost of utilities.

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community?

Yes__ No__

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth?

SD Job Services

City Hall

Newspaper

Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No__

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases?

Yes__ No__

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No__

If yes, what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No__

If yes, what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community? Yes__ No__

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation? Yes__ No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies? Yes__ No__

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue? Yes__ No__

Do you see any need for assistance? Yes__ No__

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes__ No__✓

Do you have the equipment that you will need? Yes✓ No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation? Yes__ No__✓

Any special needs identified? Further training in a power plant
fire or rescue.

Any special action required? Train + training of power plant
facility and risks involved.

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues? Yes__ No__

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes__ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No__

I yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes__ No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No__

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes__ No__

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Janet Smith

Organization: Finance Officer, City of Big Stone City

Date: 11-1-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes # 6

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? # 10

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? # 18

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes ☒ No ☐

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ☒ No ☐

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes ☐ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes ☒ No ☐

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes what? need add'l officers & vehicle

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No ☒

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Deb Wiik

Organization: Mayor City of Big Stone

Date: 10-18-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? # _____

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? # _____

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☒ No ☐ ?

Number of homes # _____

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☒ No ☐ ?

working on finding developers
How many? # _____

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☒ No ☐ ?

How many? # _____

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots # _____

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? # _____

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No ☒

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ☒ No__

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth?
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? jobs
available

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes ☒ No__

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community? Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes what? we only have one officer

Do you feel your community can handle the situation? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, which ones? our police department

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(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance? Yes ☐ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you have the equipment that you will need? Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation? Yes ☒ No ☐

Any special needs identified? Looking @ high rescue

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Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues? Yes ☐ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

I yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Dan Berglund
Organization: Town of LaBolt
Date:

Are you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many units? #

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

less than 1 per year Yes ☐ No ☐

Number of homes #

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Number of vacant lots # very limited

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☐ No ☒

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☐ No ☐

to some degree

Will the ability to pay for housing ~~will~~ be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No ☒

What other housing issues do you see? foresee lack of housing in
closer area (Milbank, Big Stone, Otterville)

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ☒ No__

How do people find out about jobs now?

☒ Word of mouth?
☒ SD Job Services
City Hall
☒ Newspaper
Local Radio

What [✓]would information you like to see provided for workers? housing, entertainment,
business in local + Area, emergency services locations + phone #'s

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? dependent on influx of school
age children

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Rural H₂O system Yes ☒ No__

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? None

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community? Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

underlined

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes what? relies on sheriff dept, no local law enforcement

Do you feel your community can handle the situation? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance? Yes ☐ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you have the equipment that you will need? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation? Yes ☐ No ☐

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues? Yes ☒ No ☐

temp. population increase

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

I yes what? if use of local rec. areas increase w.// have
to increase maint. + upkeep etc.

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name:

DAVID DINWEL

Organization:

ORTONVILLE

Date:

11/2/05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

@ 15 houses

@ 60 apts.

@ 81 motel

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

@ SAME

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes #

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? # @ 10

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☐ No ☒

DIFFICULT TO SAY, BUT
I DON'T THINK SO!

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Will the ability to pay for housing ~~will~~ be an issue for the current residents? Yes Could be. No

What other housing issues do you see?

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ☒ No

How do people find out about jobs now?

☒ Word of mouth?
☒ ~~m/s~~ Job Services
City Hall
☒ Newspaper
Local Radio

What ~~would~~ ^{would} information you like to see provided for workers? Types of jobs,
Certification/qualification required, pay ranges.

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? Unless there's a large need
for ESL ed.

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes ☒ No

What water issues do you see with more people in your community?

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes No ☒

If yes, what?

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community? Yes No ☒

If yes, what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community? Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation? Yes ☒ No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies? Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones? Possibly from Big Stone & county
sheriff's department.

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue? Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance? Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes ☒ No ☒

Do you have the equipment that you will need? Yes ☒ No ☒

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation? Yes ☒ No ☒

Any special needs identified? Trained to fight res fires. Not
experienced in responding to large commercial type
Any special action required? facilities. May not have equipment
to deal with - large heights, etc.

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues? Yes__ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Depends on what they are.
Yes__ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No__

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? No.

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No__

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Mike Rafter
Organization: Mayor Strandberg
Date: 11-29-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? # 1

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Number of homes #

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☐ No ☒

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No X

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes__ No X

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No X

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes__ No X

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes X No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes__ No X

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No X

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes X No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes X No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No X

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Alan Arndt
Organization: Datonville
Date:

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes ☐ No ☒

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing? Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? # 60

Do you expect vacant housing in the future? Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically? Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes # 30

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell? Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? # —

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments? Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in? Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent?? Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? # 25

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants? Yes ☐ No ☒

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No ☒

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ☒ No__

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes ☒ No__

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes what? Holding Facilities

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones? County Sheriff Dept.

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? Possible ~~Heavy~~ Ladder Problems

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 ☒ 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? The rural

Setting brings different problems than it
would to a more populated area

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Joe Wiik
Organization: Big Stone City Fire Dept.
Date: 11-3-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes #

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes ☒ No ☐

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ☒ No ☐

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply)

Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes ☐ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes ☒ No ☐

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Any special needs identified? High Angle Rescue

Any special action required? Training

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes what? Lack of facilities

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No__

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great ☒ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name:

DON LARSON

Organization:

Milbank City Council

Date:

10-18-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes #

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? # *30-60*

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes ☒ No ☐

What other housing issues do you see? affordable housing -
over building for construction

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth? ☒
SD Job Services ☒
City Hall
Newspaper ☒
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? web site

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community?

Yes ☐ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones? Grant County - Big Stone City -
Ortonville

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection;

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you have the equipment that you will need?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? special training
for construction activity

Any special action required? Training by professional
safety training officer

(9) Health;

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

I yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above?

Good information from Big Stone II

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Randy Atkey
Organization: President Council
Date: 11-1-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? # 10-12

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? # 5-6

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes # 3-4

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? # 5-10

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? # maybe 1

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots # 4-5

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? # 28

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☐ No ☒

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Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes ✓ No

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ✓ No

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes No ✓

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes ✓ No

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes No ✓

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes what? need more help

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones? Millbank and Oxtville

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes__ No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

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(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Lloyd Hanson

Organization: city of Bellingham, MN

Date: 11-3-2005

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? # 10

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes # 4

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☐ No ☒

Number of lots? # We may have suitable lots that could work

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No ☒

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ☒ No__

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper + Radio
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes ☒ No__

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: NORM HANSON
Organization: CITY COUNCIL WILMOT
Date: 10-18-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes X No

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes X No

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing? Yes X No

How many units? # 3-4

Do you expect vacant housing in the future? Yes X No

How many units? # 1-2

Do you have homes for sale periodically? Yes X No

Number of homes # about 20

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell? Yes No X

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments? Yes No X

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in? Yes X No

Number of vacant lots # 6-8

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent?? Yes No X

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants? Yes No X

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Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No__☒

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.)Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes__ No__☒

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth?
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No__☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes__ No__☒

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No__☒

If yes, what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community? Yes__ No__☒

If yes, what? _____

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community? ~~Yes~~ Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation? ? Yes ☐ No ☒ *over 200*

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance? Yes ☐ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection;

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you have the equipment that you will need? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation? Yes ☒ No ☐

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health;

Do you think there will be any health issues? Yes ☒ No ☐

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Tim Sethje
 Organization: Town of Corona
 Date: 10-18-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes X No

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes X No

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing? Yes X No

How many units? # 3

Do you expect vacant housing in the future? Yes X No

How many units? # 1

Do you have homes for sale periodically? Yes X No

Number of homes # 1-2

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell? Yes X No X

How many? # N/A

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments? Yes X No

How many? # Duplex

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in? Yes X No

Number of vacant lots # 10

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent?? Yes No X

Number of lots? # NA

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants? Yes No ?
possibly

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No__X

What other housing issues do you see? Will probably not have
a lot of impact on the Town of Covington

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? YesX No__

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth? ☒
SD Job Services ☒
City Hall
Newspaper ☒
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? Newspaper

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No__X

What do think needs to be done to done? N/A

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? YesX No__

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? N/A

(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes__ No__X

If yes, what? N/A

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community? Yes__ No__X

If yes, what? N/A

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community? Yes X No

If yes what? unforeseen, depends on traffic/type

Do you feel your community can handle the situation? Yes X No

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies? Yes No X

If yes, which ones? current enforcement ok.

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue? Yes No X

Do you see any need for assistance? Yes No X

Any action needed? N/A

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes No X

Do you have the equipment that you will need? Yes X No

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation? Yes X No

Any special needs identified? N/A

Any special action required? ~~NO~~ Keep us informed.

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues? Yes No X

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ~~X~~ No

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ___ No X

I yes what? NA

Any special needs? NA

(11) Government;

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes X No

Do you have any concerns?

Yes___ No X

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above?

Not At this time

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ~~X~~ No

What issues do you see in this area? Cost

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2(3)4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider?

Continue to keep public informed.

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Rory Parath
Organization: Mayor Tim Brooks P.O. Box 38
Date: Nov. 13-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing? Yes ☐ No ☒

How many units? #

Do you expect vacant housing in the future? Yes ☐ No ☒

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically? Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes # 2

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell? Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments? Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in? Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots # 4

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent?? Yes ☐ No ☒

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what? we have no lagoons

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community? Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation? Yes X No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies? Yes__ No X

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue? Yes__ No X

Do you see any need for assistance? Yes__ No X

Any action needed? We should have more cab service

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes X No__

Do you have the equipment that you will need? Yes__ No X

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation? Yes__ No X

Any special needs identified? Fire protection is seven miles

away any help there would be appreciated.

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues? Yes__ No X

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes__ No X

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes X No__

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth?
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes__ No X

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes X No ~~X~~

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes X No__

If yes, what? we have no waste water treatment plant

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community? Yes X No__

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(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes__ No X

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No X

I yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes X No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No X

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes X No__

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

SUMMARY OF ALL RESPONDENTS

Water/Sewer/Solid Waste BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name:

Organization:

Date:

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes 2 No 0

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes 2 No 0

1. Housing supplies:

Do you think the community can handle the housing demands?

Yes 2 No 0

What housing issues do you see? _____

- Not enough housing

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community?

Yes 2 No 0

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth - 1
SD Job Services - 1
City Hall - 1
Newspaper - 2
Local Radio - 1

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community?

Yes 1 No 1

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Water supply and distribution:

Will you have adequate water if the population increases?

Yes 2 No 0

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? _____

- The rural water system has additional capacity.

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- Hooking up new services does take time
- During construction the ethanol plant is requesting up to 350,000 gallons per day for 6 months to a year.

(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes 0 No 2

If yes, what? _____

Will you need training?

Yes 1 No 1

If yes, what? _____

- Licensing Requirements

Will you need any special or more equipment?

Yes 0 No 2

If yes, what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes 0 No 2

Your community can handle the demand?

Yes 2 No 0

Will you need information about the waste generated at the plant?

Yes 0 No 2

If yes what information? _____

Do you expect to need any additional training?

Yes 0 No 2

In what areas? _____

Do you have the needed equipment to handle the waste generated?

Yes 1 No 1

If no, what equipment will be needed? _____

- Is contracted with WM.

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes 2 No 0

If yes what? _____

- More officers will be needed

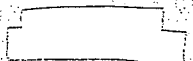
Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes 2 No 0

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes 1 No 1

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If yes, which ones? _____

- Ortonville PD, Big Stone County Sheriff and Grant County Sheriff

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes 0 No 2

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes 0 No 2

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes 0 No 2

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes 1 No 1

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes 1 No 1

Any special needs identified? _____

- Continuing Education and training need to be constantly addressed

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes 0 No 2

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes 2 No 0

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes 0 No 2

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes 2 No 0

Do you have any concerns?

Yes 0 No 2

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

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(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?
Yes 2 No 0

What issues do you see in this area? _____

- Possibly installing more power lines in our community

OVERALL,

What do you think of the development? _____

Great 1 - 1

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NA

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

- The noise and air contaminants from the sprayers along HWY 109

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Wendy Storm

Organization: Grant Roberts Rural water

Date: 11-10-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Do you think the community can handle the housing demands?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth?
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community?

Yes ☐ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) ~~Water~~ supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? We have

additional capacity. Putting in new services does
take time

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

Will you need training?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

Will you need any special or more equipment?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Your community can handle the demand?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will you need information about the waste generated at the plant?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what information? _____

Do you expect to need any additional training?

Yes ☐ No ☒

In what areas? _____

Do you have the needed equipment to handle the waste generated?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, what equipment will be needed? _____

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes what? _____

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great ☒ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: CITY OF BIG STONE CITY

Organization: UTILITIES

Date: 11-1-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes X No

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes X No

1. Housing supplies:

Do you think the community can handle the housing demands?

Yes X No

What housing issues do you see? NOT ENOUGH HOUSING

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community?

Yes X No

How do people find out about jobs now?

Word of mouth?
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers?

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community?

Yes X No

What do think needs to be done to done?

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? DURING CONSTRUCTION

THE ETHANOL PLANT IS REQUESTING UP TO 350,000 GPD FOR 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

Will you need training?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what? LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Will you need any special or more equipment?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Your community can handle the demand?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will you need information about the waste generated at the plant?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what information? _____

Do you expect to need any additional training?

Yes ☐ No ☒

In what areas? _____

Do you have the needed equipment to handle the waste generated?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, what equipment will be needed? IT IS CONTRACTED WITH WWM

(6) Law enforcement: MY OPINION

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes what? MORE OFFICERS WILL BE NEEDED

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, which ones? ORTONVILLE PD, BIG STONE COUNTY SHERIFF
AND GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF ✓

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection: MY OPINION

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Any special needs identified? CONTINUING EDUCATION AND
TRAINING NEED TO BE CONSTANTLY ADDRESSED

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? POSSIBLY INSTALLING MORE POWER
LINE'S WITHIN OUR CITY LIMITS

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 ☒ 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? THE NOISE
AND AIR CONTAMINANTS FROM THE SPRAYERS
ALONG HWY 109

SUMMARY OF ALL RESPONDENTS

Transportation BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name:

Organization:

Date:

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes 1 No 0

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes 1 No 0

1. Housing supplies:

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? Yes 1 No 0

What do you want to see done to help? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your county/City? Yes 1 No 0

How do people find out about jobs now?
Word of mouth - 1
Newspaper - 1
Websites
SD Career Center - 1
Local radio - 1

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes 0 No 1

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county/City? Yes 0 No 1

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

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Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes 0 No 1

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your county/City?

Y Yes No 1

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your county/City?

Yes 1 No 0

Do you feel your county/City can handle the situation?

Yes 1 No 0

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes 1 No 0

If yes, which ones? _____

- Highway Patrol

What needs do you expect? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes 1 No 0

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes 1 No 0

Any action needed on traffic ?

Yes 0 No 1

Traffic impact on roads?

Yes 1 No 0

Will weight limits be an issue?

Yes 1 No 0

Do you need any information about the sub-contractors?

Yes 1 No 0

Will you have the equipment needed to maintain roads?

Yes 1 No 0

Any action needed? _____

- 2" of asphalt will be needed if County Road 2 is used as a major access point to the plant during construction
- County Road 4 may need bridge work and continuous repairs if it gets major traffic

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes 0 No 1

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

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(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any County/City health issues? Yes 0 No 1

Can the county /city handle the situation? Yes 1 No 0

What may be needed? _____

(10) Recreation:

Do you have the needed recreation facilities? Yes 1 No 0

Do you see any issues in this area? Yes 0 No 1

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II? Yes 1 No 0

Do you have any concerns? Yes 0 No 1

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes 1 No 0

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 - 1

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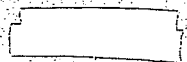
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What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

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QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Kerwin Schultz

Organization: Hwy Dept

Date: 11-1-05

A. Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes X No

B. Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ~~X~~ No

1. Housing supplies:

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes X No

What do you want to see done to help?? _____

(1.a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your county/City?

Yes ~~X~~ No

How do people find out about jobs now?

- ✓ Word of mouth
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Websites
- ✓ SD Career Center
- ✓ Local radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community?

Yes___ No **X**

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county/City?

Yes No ☒

(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your county/City?

Yes__ No ☒

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your county/City?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you feel your county/City can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies??

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones??

HP

What needs do you expect?

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

possibly That depends on which route to plant will be most used Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any need for assistance??

if Co #4 is used it may need to be overlayed w/ asphalt Yes ☒ No__

Any action needed on traffic?

Traffic impact on roads?

Co rd #4 may need more repairs Yes ☒ No__

Will weight limits be an issue?

again #4 and bridge Yes ☒ No__

Do you need any information about the sub-contractors?

only Yes ☒ No__

Will you have the equipment needed to maintain roads?

Dirt or gravel hauler Yes ☒ No__

Any action needed?

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified?

Any special action required?

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any County/City health issues?

Yes__ No X

Can the county /city handle the situation?

Yes X No__

What may be needed? _____

(10) Recreation:

Do you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes X No__

Do you see any issues in this area??

Yes__ No X

Any special needs? no _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes X No__

Do you have any concerns??

Yes__ No X

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities??

Yes X No__

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

SUMMARY OF ALL RESPONDENTS

Education BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name:

Organization:

Date:

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes 18 No 0

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes 18 No 0

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff? Yes 2 No 16

For others? Yes 7 No 7 NA 2

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? Yes 12 No 4 NA 2

If no, what do you want to see done to help?

- We need to develop housing opportunities in order to attract workers to our town
- Education on the possible need for housing
- Depending on where employees choose to locate, there may be enough housing. Revillo, LaBolt areas have limited housing now
- Concern that rural land owner does not put up trailer court along the lake which could devalue lake association homes
- Help Waverly complete their sewer system
- Revillo has land available for mobile homes or building

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district? Yes 16 No 2

Will this impact your employment needs? Yes 2 No 13 NA 2

If yes, how?

- It would depend on the type of children that enrolled in the school system
- If Grant-Deuel receives new students we should be able to accommodate with no to minimal increase in staff
- Depends on the number in families
- May need additional staffing on the special ed department
- Jobs are always important to social and economic growth to our community

How do people find out about jobs now?

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- Ads, website, school, college placement services
- Word of mouth - 3
- Newspaper- 10
- State Web Site
- Internet - 4
- College placement
- Job Service - 2

What assistance will you need? _____

- Very little in terms of additional staff
- We would like to have residents and the ability to promote our school and community
- Current staff is well trained and will continue their services

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District? _____

Yes 1 No 17

If yes, what? _____

- Unless this impact enrollment significantly then what we expect we will welcome all new students without needing to expand staff
- Slight increase in student population
- We could easily absorb six new students per grade
- Would need time to prepare if there were a large number of new students
- Our district offers classes that meet the NCLB standards and the regents scholars requirements

What do think needs to be done? _____

- ELS
- Special Education
- Bring the students here and get them enrolled
- Be ready to be flexible to deal with additional needs
- Our current facilities and staff can handle increased enrollment numbers
- Funding is always an issue when dealing with education – a influx of students wouldn't be a bad deal

Do you expect to have any special educational needs? _____

Yes 4 No 9 NA 3

If yes, In what area? _____

- That depends on the number of people moving into the area and the degree of expertise of the construction workers
- Only if we have a large number of new students
- ELS – minority – language
- Extra students with special needs may require additional staffing
- Possible ELS issues

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3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes 3 No 14 NA 1

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes 0 No 15 NA 3

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes 1 No 14 NA 3

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes 10 No 6 NA 2

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes 7 No 8 NA 3

If no what needs to be done?

- May need additional staff
- Additional State Trooper
- Additional enforcement staff will be needed
- We may need more officers or background checks on potential employees
- Pass more officers
- Currently Revillo is served by the sheriff's office – not enough staff currently and an increase in population could be a problem
- Additional staffing may be needed depending on the number of workers who relocate to this area
- Problems on Friday and Saturday nights
- We already have expanded our local sheriff staff's duties to be very thin. They do an excellent job right now, but this could change.

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes 0 No 16 NA 2

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes 3 No 14 NA 1

If yes, what is needed?

Nothing that can not be handled without an additional bus route

Nothing beyond our current needs of replacing older busses

No public transportation

Depends on new housing and where it is built

Fuel costs could cause alarm in this area

(8) Fire protection;

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Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes 2 No 13 NA 3

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

- Communication between construction managers and local fire department captains
- New community center will have our own fire department - Revillo

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes 1 No 14 NA 3

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes 15 No 3

Comments _____

- If influx of students will need additional school nurse hours
- More people usually present more problems

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes 15 No 2 NA 1

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes 0 No 13 NA 3

Any special needs? _____

- Additional gym space is currently needed - Grant Deuel

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?

Yes 16 No 0 NA 2

Do you have any concerns?

Yes 2 No 14 NA 2

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities?

Yes 14 No 1 NA 3

LAST

What do you think of the development?

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NA - 1

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

- Electric Rates
- I believe Big Stone II needs to put in place personal background checks on all workers on Big Stone II
- Have direct and open communication with law enforcement and local businesses throughout the construction period
- I would hope the environmental impact has been studied to ensure the plant is not a health concern
- Small communities may need some assistance in getting homes ready. It could be an economic boost for some of these communities
- If there would be minority speaking students that the school would need to deal with
- Price gouging on housing
- Last times some bills were left un-paid
- Continue to educate the community as to the need and benefits the plant can provide
- Development is always a good sign and a great chance to grow through change

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BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Loren McKinney, Supt of Schools
Organization: Waverly School District 14-5
Date: 11-15-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐**1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☒ No ☐

For others?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, what do you want to see done to help? help Waverly complete
this sewer system.

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, how? _____

How do people find out about jobs now? local newspaper, job service

What assistance will you need? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes ☒ No__

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No ☒

If no, what needs to be done? We already have spread our local
sheriffs dept very thin. They do an excellent job
right now but this could change.

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes ☒ No ☒

If yes, what is needed? depends on new housing & where
it is built

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Comments more people usually present more problems

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(12) Energy

Will your area have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? Continue to educate the community as to the need and benefits the plant can provide.

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BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Scott Bartholomew

Organization: South Shore

Date: 11-14-05

Are you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For others?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, what do you want to see done to help? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, how? _____

How do people find out about jobs now? NEWSPAPERS, INTERNET SITES

What assistance will you need? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution:

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No ☒(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

If no, what needs to be done? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what is needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No ☒**(12) Energy**

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities?

Yes ☒ No__**LAST**

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

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BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: PEGGY SchuelkeOrganization: GRANT-DEUEL School board (Reville)Date: 10-18-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ✓ No

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ✓ No **1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes No ✓For others? possibly-Yes ✓ No

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes No ✓

If no, what do you want to see done to help? Depending on where employees
choose to locate, there may be enough housing.
Reville/LaBelt area have limited housing now.

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ✓ No

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes No ✓If yes, how? If G-D receives new students -we should be able to accomodate with no to
minimal increase in staff.How do people find out about jobs now? Word of mouth; ads

What assistance will you need? We would like to have
residents - we would like to be able
to promote our school & community,

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No ☒

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No ☒

If no, what needs to be done? Currently Revillo Served by

Sheriff's office - Not enough Staff

Currently - if increases in population, may have problem

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what is needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Not sure — Yes__ No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues? Yes__ No__

Do you think the District can handle the situation? Yes__ No__

Comments If influx of students, will need additional school nurse hours.

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities? Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any issues in this area? Yes ☒ No__

Any special needs? ~~board need additional~~ additional gym space current need.

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns? Yes__ No__ ☒

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No__

LAST

What do you think of the development? Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

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BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: *Kathi Thymian*Organization: *School Board*Date: *11-3-05*

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐**1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For others?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, what do you want to see done to help? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, how? _____

How do people find out about jobs now? _____

What assistance will you need? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No X

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No__

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

2 Yes__ No__

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

2 Yes__ No__

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

2 Yes__ No__

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes__ No X

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes X No__

If no, what needs to be done? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No X

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No X

If yes, what is needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes__ No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues? Yes__ No__

Do you think the District can handle the situation? Yes__ No__

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities? Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any issues in this area? Yes__ No__

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes__ No__

Do you have any concerns? Yes__ No__

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes__ No__

LAST

What do you think of the development? Great 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Malcolm DirksenOrganization: Millbank School BoardDate: 11-22-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐**1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For others?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐If no, what do you want to see done to help? could be difficult to**(1a.) Employees/employment:**

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, how? _____

How do people find out about jobs now? _____

What assistance will you need? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No__

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No ☒

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No ☒

If no, what needs to be done?

Problems on Friday or Sat Night

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what is needed?

No Public Transportation

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? *if normal*

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns? *only unforeseen - that means a monkey with it*

Yes__ No ☒

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities?

Yes__ No ☒

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 ☒ 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider?

Price gouging in housing. Last plant - bills left debt. Nobody concerns.

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Bruce Johnson
Organization: Summit School
Date: November 15, 2005

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐**1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For others?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, what do you want to see done to help? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, how? may need additional staffing in
the special education department

How do people find out about jobs now? newspapers, internet, job service

What assistance will you need? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? Our current facilities and
staff can handle increased enrollment numbers

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, In what area? extra students with special needs
may require additional staffing

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No ☒

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No ☒

If no, what needs to be done? additional staffing may be needed
depending on the number of workers who relate to this area

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what is needed? _____

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(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

No ☒

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

No ☒

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

☒ No

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

☒ No

Do you see any issues in this area?

No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

☒ No

Do you have any concerns?

No ☒

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil)

No ☒

LAST

What do you think of the development?

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What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: LaAnn HansenOrganization: Ortonville SchoolDate: 11-3-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes X No

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes X No **1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes No X

For others?

Yes No X

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes X No

If no, what do you want to see done to help? Concern that rural land owner don't put up trailer courts along the lake which could develop lake assn. homes.

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes X No

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes X No If yes, how? Depends on #'s in families.

How do people find out about jobs now? Internet, newspapers

What assistance will you need? None

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes ___ No X

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? Be ready and flexible
to deal with additional needs.

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes X No ___

If yes, In what area? _____

ESL - minority - language

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes X No ___

Rural water quality do to demand.

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes ___ No ___

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes ___ No ___

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ___ No ___

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes ___ No ___

If no, what needs to be done? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes ___ No X

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes ___ No X

If yes, what is needed? _____

(8) Fire protection;

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? Big Stone has it's own fire dept.

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health;

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Comments _____

(10) Recreation;

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government;

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No ☒

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities?

Yes__ No__

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 ☒ 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: *Leann Hauwen*
Organization: *Milbank School District*
Date: *11-1-05*

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing? Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

Do you expect vacant housing in the future? Yes ☐ No ☒

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically? Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes #

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell? Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments? Yes ☐ No ☒

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in? Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent?? Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants? Yes ☒ No ☐

Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes ☒ No ☐

What other housing issues do you see? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community? Yes ☒ No ☐

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply) Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? types of workers
needed -- skills needed -- pay

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community? Yes ☐ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? Bring the students here
and get them enrolled!

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases? Yes ☒ No ☐

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? Could cause
shortage in hot weather, as we have had that in the past

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No X

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes X No__

If yes what? May need additional staff

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes X No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes__ No X

If yes, which ones? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No X

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes X No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes X No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No X

(10) Recreation;

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes X No

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No__

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government;

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes X No

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No X

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes X No

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Wade JohnsonOrganization: Sisseton School DistrictDate: 11-27-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐**1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For others?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, what do you want to see done to help? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, how? _____

How do people find out about jobs now? _____

What assistance will you need? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No ☒

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

If no, what needs to be done? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what is needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes__ No X

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes X No__

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes X No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No X

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes X No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No X

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes X No__

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

Electric Rates

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Jeff TaylorOrganization: Ortonville SchoolDate: 10-18-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐**1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For others?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, what do you want to see done to help? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☒ ?If yes, how? It would depend on children
that may enroll in the school.How do people find out about jobs now? local newspaper
internet postings, college placementWhat assistance will you need? none

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No ☒

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities?

Yes ☒ No__

LAST

What do you think of the development?

(Great) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? Is there

would be minority speaking students

that the school would need to deal with,

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No✓

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? Need time to prepare if
there would be a large number of students.

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No✓

If yes, In what area? Only if we have a large number
of new students.

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No✓

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No✓

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No✓

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes__ No✓

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes✓ No__

If no, what needs to be done? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No✓

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No✓

If yes, what is needed? Nothing beyond our current needs
of replacing older buses.

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: STEVE BULLOrganization: SUMMIT SCHOOL BOARDDate: 10-18-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes X No

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes X No **1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes No X

For others?

Yes No X

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes No XIf no, what do you want to see done to help? EDUCATION ON THE POSS
OF THE NEED FOR HOUSING**(1a.) Employees/employment:**

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes X No

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes No XIf yes, how? _____
_____How do people find out about jobs now? STATE WEBSITE - LISTINGSWhat assistance will you need? None

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒

ALTHOUGH, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE RURAL WATER.

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No ☒

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ☒ No__

IT IS ALREADY LIMITED.

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No ☒

If no, what needs to be done? - LESS MORE OFFICERS.

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what is needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes__ No X

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes X No /

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes X No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No X

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes X No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes X No__

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(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes X No__

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? SMALL COMMUNITIES

COULD USE SOME ASSISTANCE IN GETTING HOMES
READY. IT COULD BE A HUGE ECONOMIC BOOST
TO THESE COMMUNITIES

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BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Ellen Helgeson, SuperintendentOrganization: Big Stone SchoolDate: 11-01-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes X No

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes X No **1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes No X

For others?

Yes X No

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes No XIf no, what do you want to see done to help? We need to develop housing opportunities in order to attract workers to our town.**(1a.) Employees/employment:**

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes X No

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes No XIf yes, how? _____
_____How do people find out about jobs now? local newspaper
_____What assistance will you need? none

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No X

If yes, what? We could easily absorb 6 new students
per class.

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No X

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No X

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No X

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No X

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes X No__

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No X

If no, what needs to be done? We may need more officers, or
extensive background checks on potential employees.

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No X

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No X

If yes, what is needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No ☒

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No__

LAST

What do you think of the development?

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What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? I would hope that the environmental impact has been studied to ensure that the plant is not a health concern.

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BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Vicky TorgersonOrganization: Big Stone City SchoolDate: 11-1-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐**1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For others?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐If no, what do you want to see done to help? _____
_____**(1a.) Employees/employment:**

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☒If yes, how? _____
_____How do people find out about jobs now? Through Ads in local
PapersWhat assistance will you need? _____

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No ☒

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No ☒

If no, what needs to be done? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No__

If yes, what is needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No ☒

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No__

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

Education

~~Mayors/Presidents~~

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Mark Smart
Organization: Millbank School District
Date: 11-1-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Does your community currently have any vacant housing?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

Do you expect vacant housing in the future?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many units? #

Do you have homes for sale periodically?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of homes #

Do you expect developers to build homes to sell?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? #

Do you expect someone to build rental units/apartments?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How many? #

Could pre-built home/ housing units be moved in?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of vacant lots #

Do you have any mobile home lots for rent??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Number of lots? #

Do you think the new workers will price out the current tenants?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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Will the ability to pay for housing will be an issue for the current residents? Yes ☒ No ☐

What other housing issues do you see? cost & availability
of housing

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How do people find out about jobs now? (circle the ones that apply)

Word of mouth
SD Job Services
City Hall
Newspaper
Local Radio

What would information you like to see provided for workers? available jobs &
wages; info on schools

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your community?

Yes ☐ No ☒

What do think needs to be done to done? perhaps, special ed &
ESL

3) Waste supply and distribution;

Will you have adequate water if the population increases?

milbank already has a problem
Yes ☐ No ☒

What water issues do you see with more people in your community? enough flow of water

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your community?

Yes__ No__ ☒

If yes what? _____

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for your community?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes what? could have an increase in crime

Do you feel your community can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you think you will need help from the other law enforcement agencies?

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones? state

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue?

Yes__ No__ ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No__ ☒

Any action needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No__ ☒

Do you have the equipment you will need?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have the training needed to handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes__ No__ ☒

(10) Recreation:

Will you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes what? _____

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your community have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities for your community?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What issues do you see in this area? _____

OVERALL, what do you think of the development?

(Great) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 bad

What else would you like to add that the Commission should consider? _____

EDUCATION

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name:

Organization:

Date:

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For others?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, what do you want to see done to help? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, how? _____

How do people find out about jobs now? _____

What assistance will you need? _____

Marlowe Klepel

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2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No X

If yes, what? _____

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No X

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No X

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No__

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No__

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes__ No__

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No__

If no, what needs to be done? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No__

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes__ No__

If yes, what is needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes__ No__

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues? Yes__ No__

Do you think the District can handle the situation? Yes__ No__

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities? Yes__ No__

Do you see any issues in this area? Yes__ No__

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes__ No__

Do you have any concerns? Yes__ No__

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes__ No__

LAST

What do you think of the development? Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Date: _____

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐**1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For others?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

If no, what do you want to see done to help? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☒ ^{most likely} No

If yes, how? _____

How do people find out about jobs now? College Placement Services,
Ads, Website (school)

What assistance will you need? _____

1. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No X

If yes, what? Unless this impacts on enrollment,

significantly more than what we expect, we will welcome all new students without needing to expand staff.

What do think needs to be done to done? _____

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes__ No X

If yes, In what area? _____

3) Water supply and distribution:

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No X

(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No X

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No X

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Possibly

Yes__ No X

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation? Unsure

Yes__ No__

If no, what needs to be done? _____

(7) Transportation:

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Nothing that

Yes X No__

Do you see any need for assistance?

cannot be handled however with an increased bus route.

What type of assistance??

Yes__ No X

If yes, what is needed? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? _____

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues? Yes__ No ☒

Do you think the District can handle the situation? Yes ☒ No__

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities? Yes ☒ No ☒

Do you see any issues in this area? Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns? Yes__ No ☒

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No__
We have most of our facility heated & cooled with Geothermal.

LAST

What do you think of the development? Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Krista Atyeo - HostmakerOrganization: Grant - Deuel SchoolDate: 11-14-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes X No

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes X No **1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes No X

For others?

Yes No X

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes X No If no, what do you want to see done to help? Reville has land available for mobile homes or building**(1a.) Employees/employment:**

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes X No

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes No XIf yes, how? Jobs are always important to social & economic growth for our communityHow do people find out about jobs now? Newspaper, word of mouthWhat assistance will you need? Current staff are well trained and will continue their services.

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes__ No X

If yes, what? Our district offers classes that meet No Child Left Behind Standards as well as Regent Scholar Requirements

What do think needs to be done ~~there~~? Funding is always an issue

When dealing with education - an influx of students wouldn't be a bad deal.

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes X No__

If yes, In what area? Possible English Second language needs

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No X

Grant - Robert's rural water

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No X

New Sewer system - 10 years

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes__ No X

Garbage pickup

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes__ No X

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes X No__

If no, what needs to be done? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes__ No X

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes X No__

If yes, what is needed? Fuel cost could cause alarm in this area

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? New Community center will house our fire department

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Comments Contracted Arera Clinic : School Nurse available

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs? New playground equipment : construction in May 2005.

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No__

Do you have any concerns?

Yes__ No ☒

(12) Energy

Will your area have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No__

Utilities are all provided and available in Revillo - Local telephone / high speed internet / fiber optics / cable / natural gas

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great ☒ 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

Development is always a good sign and a great chance to grow through change.

Grant Deuel School District 25-3 No Child Left Behind 2005 Report Card

Students in grades 3 through 8 and grade 11 completed the Dakota STEP test in the spring of 2005. The test is designed to measure the progress of students on the South Dakota Content Standards in Reading and Math. This report summarizes the results of that assessment and the accountability requirements set forth by the South Dakota Department of Education. A hard copy of the Report Card is available to all stakeholders and is on file at the superintendent's office. The Report Card can also be accessed at: <https://sis.ddncampus.net:8081/ncib/index.html>

The percent of Proficient and Advanced Students needed to meet the Math Goal:

Elementary - 54%

Junior High - 54%

High School - 67%

The percent of Proficient and Advanced Students needed to meet the Reading Goal:

Elementary - 78%

Junior High - 78%

High School - 66%

Other indicators used to determine adequate yearly progress are attendance rates for the elementary and junior high schools, and graduation rate for the high school. The attendance rate is reported as a percentage and is calculated by dividing the aggregate days of attendance by the aggregate days of membership for all students enrolled. The state goal for attendance is 94%. The graduation rate for the 2004-2005 school year is calculated as follows: divide the total number of graduates by the total number of graduates plus 11th and 12th grade dropouts. The state goal for graduation rate is 80%. Students must be enrolled for a full academic year (prior to October 1st and still enrolled in the district at time of testing) for their test scores to be included in measuring progress of the school or district, and 95% of enrolled students must be tested to meet the state participation rate goal.

Distinguished School Status

Grant Deuel Junior High and Grant Deuel High Schools are designated as Distinguished Schools. Distinguished schools are identified using the following criteria. The school must:

- Meet adequate yearly progress for two consecutive years in both reading and math, AND

- Decrease the achievement gap for one or more subgroups by 10 percent over a two-year period OR
- Have at least 80 percent of students in the "All Student" group meet the state's proficient and advanced levels of student performance in both reading and math.

School Improvement Status

No school buildings in the district are identified for School Improvement. The district is not identified for School Improvement.

Grant Deuel Elementary

In 2005, 73% of all students were proficient or advanced in Math and 86% of all students were proficient or advanced in Reading. In the sub-category Economically Disadvantaged, 67% were proficient or advanced in Math and 82% were proficient or advanced in Reading. Twenty-five percent of students with disabilities were proficient or advanced in Math and 33% were proficient or advanced in Reading. The elementary met the participation rate and attendance rate.

Grant Deuel Junior High

In 2005, 68% of all students were proficient or advanced in Math and 84% of all students were proficient or advanced in Reading. Fifty percent of students with disabilities were proficient or advanced in Math and 86% were proficient or advanced in Reading. The junior high met the participation rate and attendance rate.

Grant Deuel High School

In 2005, 72% of all students were proficient or advanced in Math and 78% of all students were proficient or advanced in Reading. The high school met the participation rate and graduation rate.

Grant Deuel School District

In 2005, 72% of all students were proficient or advanced in Math and 84% of all students were proficient or advanced in Reading. In the sub-category Economically Disadvantaged, 64% were proficient or advanced in Math and 85% were proficient or advanced in Reading. Twenty-two percent of students with disabilities were proficient or advanced in Math and 28% were proficient or advanced in Reading. The district met the participation rate, attendance rate, and graduation rate.

Highly Qualified Teacher Status

The federal No Child Left Behind Act requires that each school report the percent of its teachers who are highly qualified. The act defines a highly qualified teacher as one with full certification, a bachelor's degree and demonstrated competence in subject knowledge and teaching. The act calls for all teachers of core academic subjects to be highly qualified by the end of school year 2005-06. Core subjects include English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography. The percent of classes not being taught by highly qualified teachers for Grant Deuel School District is 19.1%.

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Scott SchneiderOrganization: Big Stone City SchoolDate: 10-27-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐**1. Housing supplies:**

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For others?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, what do you want to see done to help? _____

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, how? _____

How do people find out about jobs now? Newspaper, word of mouthWhat assistance will you need? Very little if any as far as additional staff.

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue for your District?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what? Slight Increase in student population.

What do think needs to be done to done?

Nothing

Do you expect to have any special educational needs?

Yes ☒ No ☒

If yes, In what area? This depends on the number of families

moving To The area + The degree of expertise of The construction workers

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your district?

Yes ☐ No ☒

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, what needs to be done? Additional enforcement staff
will be needed

(7) Transportation;

Will your school bus transportation be an issue in your district?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what is needed?

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Any special needs identified? _____

Any special action required? Communication between construction managers & local fire dept. captains

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any school health issues?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you think the District can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Comments _____

(10) Recreation:

Does your school have the needed recreational facilities?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Any special needs? _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your unit of government can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you have any concerns?

Yes ☒ No ☐

(12) Energy

Will your area has sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities?

Yes ☒ No ☐

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great ☒ 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? I believe BS II needs

To put in place personal back ground checks & all new workers on BS II. Also have direct & open communication with law enforcement & local businesses throughout the construction period.

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SUMMARY OF ALL RESPONDENTS

Medical BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name:

Organization:

Date:

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes 7 No 0

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes 7 No 0

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff? Yes 2 No 5

For Others? Yes 3 No 2 NA 2

- Perhaps depending on how many non-local people are hired
- Hopefully we will get more residents

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? Yes 4 No 2 NA 1

What do you want to see done to help?

- Communication of housing availability in various communities along with maps. Solve Milbank sewer issue
- Development Assistance in developing housing
- May need some help if workers come from outside the area

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district? Yes 7 No 0

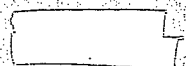
Will this impact your employment needs? Yes 5 No 1 NA 1

How?

- May need some limited additions to practitioners if outside services are needed
- Perhaps injured workers will require an increase in our staff
- May need more professional staff – RNs/lab technicians
- Extra staff needed for growth

Do you know how do people find out about jobs now?

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- Newspaper - 5
- Radio
- Facility website
- Internet
- Word of mouth - 2

What assistance will you need? _____

- Would like plant to highlight communities in the area including ours

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue? Yes 1 No 5 NA 1

What do you think needs to be done? _____

- Understanding of language needs of workforce population
- Bring lots of families. We have plenty of capacity in our schools
- Want more students

What issues do expect? _____

- Limited
- As far as our needs no assistance is needed

What can be done to help? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county? Yes 0 No 7

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will wastewater treatment be an issue? Yes 0 No 6 NA 1

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your area? Yes 0 No 6 NA 1

(6) Law enforcement;

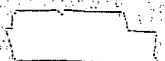
Will law enforcement be an issue for the area? Yes 2 No 1 NA 4

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation? Yes 4 No 1 NA 2

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies? Yes 2 No 3 NA 2

If yes, which ones? _____

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- Need additional staff at Grant County Sheriff's office
- Depends on the number of workers and if the workers are different than the ones that were here in the 70's
- Hopefully today's workers will be different than the ones in the 70's
- City, County and State PD's need to work together
- Don't expect MN Highway patrol to help. We rarely see them.

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue in your area?

Yes 2 No 4 NA 1

Do you see any need for assistance?

Yes 1 No 4 NA 2

Any action needed? _____

- Traffic jams
- A few more traffic jams

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes 0 No 7

Any special needs identified?

Yes 0 No 7

- Keep fire department updated with special situations

Any special action required?

Yes 1 No 5 NA 1

- Fire department well trained
- Good fire department

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?

Yes 1 No 6

If yes, list _____

- Nurses are trained like in the metro area
- Need to know what health plans workers have so they can contact providers to work out contracts with local health care providers
- Dependent on language issues
- Perhaps some on site offerings
- Pre-work functional and testing and injured worker rehab

Do you think the medical facilities can handle the situation?

Yes 6 No 1

If no, why? _____

- Revillo clinic is small and needs expansion

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- Can provide any emergency medical services that need to be provided. Ortonville has two ambulances, 20 trained EMT's and 3 on call at all times
- Have medical staff and nurse practitioner and family MD

What do you think needs to be done? _____

- Currently looking at expansion
- Have access to helicopters in Redwood Falls and other places, have a full service lab, CT services on site and ER 24/7
- Medical Center can provide drug testing screening -- have nurses trained

Do you expect any special needs?

Yes 2 No 5

If yes, list _____

- After hours medical treatment desired

Do you think you have the needed staff member's skill sets?

Yes 7 No 0

If no list _____

- Family -- limited impact
- Drug testing and meth issues
- Only concern would be an increase in ER visits and the effects on local physicians covering ER -- may need more use of temp physicians to cover ER
- Dialysis on site
- Have extensive medical training
- Need communication
- Need to know when workers are coming
- Have language translation requirement in MN so we have a phone contact for languages
- Attend state required trainings
- Need to know what chemicals will be on site
- Need communication -- who to talk to
- Need to know peak of workforces and type of workers, age, etc

(10) Recreation

If more people come to your area do you have the needed recreation facilities?

Yes 6 No 0 NA 1

Do you see any issues in this area?

Yes 1 No 5 NA 2

If yes list _____

- Great outdoor activities
- Limited dining experiences

Any you know of any special needs?

Yes 0 No 6 NA 1

- Lake recreation, summer and winter activities, school gym programs
- Bowling alley and summer, winter sports

If yes list _____

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(11) Government:

Do you feel your units of government in the area can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II? Yes 5 No 0 NA 2

Do you have any concerns? Yes 0 No 4 NA 3

If yes list _____

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes 6 No 1

What issues do you see in this area? _____

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 - 7

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NA

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

- Please proceed
- I believe this is a great opportunity to develop the services and life style activities in rural areas

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Questionnaire Completed
by Bill Heals based on
Interview 11/3/05 in
Ostonville

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name:

Liz Sorenson

Organization:

Northside Medical Center

Date:

11/3/05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For Others??

Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What do you want to see done to help?

May need some help
if many workers come from outside area

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐ DK ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How?

Do you know how do people find out about jobs now?

What assistance will you need?

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

What do you think needs to be done?

Want more students

What issues do expect?

What can be done to help?

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your area?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes__ No__ DK

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No__

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies??

Yes__ No__

If yes, which ones??

hopefully today's workers will be different than the 1970's workers. City, County Minns & SI need to work together

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☒ DK

Do you see any need for assistance??

Yes__ No__

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue?

Yes__ No__ DK

What do you think needs to be done? _____

What issues do expect? _____

What can be done to help? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your area?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes__ No__ DK

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies??

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, which ones?? Depends on # of Workers and if different from workers that were here in 1970's

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue in your area?

Yes ☒ No__ DK

Do you see any need for assistance??

Yes__ No__

Any action needed??

Traffic Jams

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Any special needs identified?

Yes__ No X

Any special action required?

Yes__ No__

Good Fire Department

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues??

Yes__ No X

If yes, list need to know what health plans employees have

Do you think the medical facilities can handle the situation?

Yes X No__

If no, why?

What do you think needs to be done?

Med Centers can provide

drug testing / screening - have nurses trained

Do you expect any special needs?

Yes__ No X

If yes, list Can do on site drug screening / testing

Do you think you have the needed facilities?

yes

If no, list Have medical staff N.P. & family MD

Do you think you have the needed staff training?

If no, list Staff ER 24/7

Do you think you have the needed staff member's skill sets?

Yes X No__

If no, list Dialysis on site

Have extensive medical training

- need to know when workers coming near to have communications

- have language translation requirement w/ Min
so have contact w/ phone company

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Wanted
out
b/f
the
employee
need
Health
ins.

(10) Recreation

If more people come to your area do you have the needed recreation facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

Do you see any issues in this area?? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list _____

Any you know of any special needs? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list Lake Mead Summer & Winter, school & gym program

(11) Government:

Do you feel your units of government in the area can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

Do you have any concerns?? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list _____

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above?? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

What issues do you see in this area?? _____

LAST

What do you think of the development? Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

Thank You very much!

QUESTIONNAIRE

Questionnaire
Completed by Bio-Tek
Based on interview 11/3/05
in Ottumville

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Jennifer Wiik
Organization: Director of Nurses (Sioux Valley Affiliates)
Date: 11/3/05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☒ No ☐

For Others??

Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☐ No ☐

What do you want to see done to help?

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐ DK ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How? _____

Do you know how do people find out about jobs now? _____

What assistance will you need? _____

Any action needed?? a few more traffic jams

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No X

Any special needs identified?

Yes__ No X

Any special action required?

Yes__ No X

Fire department well trained and good equipment

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues??

Yes__ No X

If yes, list Nurses trained like in Metro area

Do you think the medical facilities can handle the situation?

Yes X No X

If no, why? Can provide any emergency medical services that maybe needed

What do you think needs to be done? have access to helicopter Redwood Falls and other places, have full service lab, CT service on site ER 24/7

Do you expect any special needs?

Yes__ No X

If yes, list _____

Do you think you have the needed facilities?

If no, list Ontonville has 2 ambulances 20 trained EMTs 30 on call
yes
one time

Do you think you have the needed staff training?

yes

If no, list _____

Do you think you have the needed staff member's skill sets?

Yes X No__

If no, list Attend statewide required training
emergency medical training seminars

- need to have drills ~~to~~ with plant staff
- need to know what chemicals that will be on site
- need communication (who is to talk to whom?)
- need to know when peak # of workers and scheduled on site

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(10) Recreation

If more people come to your area do you have the needed recreation facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

Do you see any issues in this area?? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes list Bowling alley, Winter, summer sports

Any you know of any special needs? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your units of government in the area can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

Do you have any concerns?? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list _____

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above?? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

What issues do you see in this area?? _____

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

Thank You very much!

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Natalie Gauer
Organization: Milbank Medical Center
Date: 11/3/05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☒ No ☐

For Others??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not right now

What do you want to see done to help?

Development

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☐ No ☐ possibly

How? extra staff needed for growth

Do you know how do people find out about jobs now? newspaper, word of mouth

What assistance will you need? none

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

What do you think needs to be done? _____

What issues do expect? _____

What can be done to help? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your area?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ☒ No__ DK

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies??

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, which ones?? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue in your area?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

Do you see any need for assistance??

Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed?? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special action required?

Yes__ No ☒

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues??

Yes ☒ No__

If yes, list gave personally to Barry

Do you think the medical facilities can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

If no, why? _____

What do you think needs to be done? _____

Do you expect any special needs?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, list _____

Do you think you have the needed facilities?

yes

If no, list _____

Do you think you have the needed staff training?

yes,

If no, list _____

Do you think you have the needed staff member's skill sets?

Yes ☒ No__

If no, list _____

(10) Recreation

If more people come to your area do you have the needed recreation facilities? Yes__ No__ DK

Do you see any issues in this area?? Yes__ No__

If yes list _____

Any you know of any special needs? Yes__ No__

If yes list _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your units of government in the area can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes__ No__ DK

Do you have any concerns?? Yes__ No__

If yes list _____

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above?? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes__ No__ DK

What issues do you see in this area?? _____

LAST

What do you think of the development? Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

Thank You very much!

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Jim Foster

Organization: Ortonville Area Health Services

Date: 11-3-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff? Yes ☐ No ☒

For Others?? Yes ☐ No ☒

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? Yes ☒ No ☐

What do you want to see done to help?
Communication of Housing Availability
in Various Communities Along With Maps

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK ☐

Will this impact your employment needs? Yes ☒ No ☐

How? May need some limited additions to
practitioners if onsite services needed

Do you know how do people find out about jobs now? Local Media,
Facility Website

What assistance will you need? None

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

What do you think needs to be done? Understanding of language
needs of work force population.

What issues do expect? Limited-

What can be done to help? Adquate knowledge of
potential # of students.

3) Water supply and distribution:

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(4) Waste water treatment and collection:

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection:

Will solid waste be an issue for your area?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(6) Law enforcement:

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies??

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, which ones??

(7) Transportation:

Will transportation be an issue in your area?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

Do you see any need for assistance??

Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed?? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified?

Yes__ No ☒

Keep Fire Dept Updated with special situations

Any special action required?

Yes__ No ☒

Practitioners
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(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues??

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, list _____

Do you think the medical facilities can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No__

If no, why? _____

What do you think needs to be done? _____

Do you expect any special needs?

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, list

Dependent or Language Issues

Do you think you have the needed facilities?

Yes

If no, list _____

Do you think you have the needed staff training?

Yes

If no, list _____

Do you think you have the needed staff member's skill sets?

Yes ☒ No__

If no, list _____

Family - Limited Impact
Drug Testing
Worker Social Styles Much
- Meth Issue - Big In Midwest
Ambulance Services -
Work Hours
5 A to 6 P
Traditional Hours

(10) Recreation

If more people come to your area do you have the needed recreation facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

Do you see any issues in this area?? Great Area For Outdoor Activities Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes list Variety of Dining Experiences

Any you know of any special needs? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your units of government in the area can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

Do you have any concerns?? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list _____

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above?? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

What issues do you see in this area?? _____

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? I believe this

a great opportunity to demonstrate the
services and life style available in
rural areas.

Thank You very much!

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Roman Taffe

Organization: Big Stone Therapies, Inc.

Date: 11-3-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff? Yes ☐ No ☒

For Others?? perhaps, depending on how many new local people are hired Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? Yes ☒ No ☐

What do you want to see done to help?

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK ☐

Will this impact your employment needs? Yes ☒ No ☐

How? perhaps injured workers will require increasing on staff

Do you know how do people find out about jobs now? newspaper, Internet

What assistance will you need? none

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue?

Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

What do you think needs to be done? Bring lots of families! we
have plenty of capacity in our schools!

What issues do expect? As far as our needs, no education,
assistance is needed

What can be done to help? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes ☐ No ☒ DK

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes ☐ No ☒ DK

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your area?

Yes ☐ No ☒ DK

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ☐ No ☐ DK ☒

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies??

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, which ones?? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue in your area?

Yes ☐ No ☒ DK

Do you see any need for assistance??

Yes ☐ No ☒

Any action needed?? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes__ No__ ☒

Any special needs identified? Yes__ No__ ☒

Any special action required? Yes__ No__ ☒

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?? Yes__ No__ ☒

If yes, list _____

Do you think the medical facilities can handle the situation? Yes ☒ No__

If no, why? _____

What do you think needs to be done? _____

Do you expect any special needs? Yes__ No__

If yes, list perhaps some on site offerings? Occ. Health

Do you think you have the needed facilities?

If no, list yes
 - Prework
 - Fracture / Testing
 - injured water rehab

Do you think you have the needed staff training?

If no, list yes

Do you think you have the needed staff member's skill sets? Yes__ No__

If no, list yes

(10) Recreation

If more people come to your area do you have the needed recreation facilities? Yes No DK

Do you see any issues in this area??

Yes No

If yes list _____

Any you know of any special needs?

Yes No

If yes list _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your units of government in the area can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II??

Yes No DK

Do you have any concerns??

Yes No

If yes list _____

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above?? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes No DK

What issues do you see in this area?? _____

LAST

What do you think of the development?

Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

Please proceed!

Thank You very much!

Your welcome

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Jeffrey M. Lang

Organization: ~~_____~~ Milbank Area Hospital

Date: 11-3-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff?

Yes ☐ No ☒

For Others??

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues?

Yes ☒ No ☐

What do you want to see done to help?

Sewer Issue ?

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district?

Yes ☒ No ☐ DK ☐

Will this impact your employment needs?

Yes ☒ No ☐

How? May need more Professional
Staff — RN's / Lab Technicians

Do you know how do people find out about jobs now? Paper

What assistance will you need? None

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

What do you think needs to be done? _____

What issues do expect? _____

What can be done to help? _____

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No__ ☒ DK

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your area?

Yes__ No__ ☒ DK

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes__ No__ ☒ DK

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No__

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies??

Yes__ No__

If yes, which ones?? _____

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue in your area?

Yes ☒ No__ DK

Do you see any need for assistance??

Yes ☒ No__

Any action needed?? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes__ No ☒

Any special needs identified? Yes__ No ☒

Any special action required? Yes__ No ☒

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?? Yes ☒ No ☒

If yes, list _____

Do you think the medical facilities can handle the situation? Yes ☒ No__

If no, why? _____

What do you think needs to be done? _____

Do you expect any special needs? Yes__ No ☒

If yes, list _____

Do you think you have the needed facilities?

If no, list _____

Do you think you have the needed staff training?

If no, list _____

Do you think you have the needed staff member's skill sets? Yes ☒ No__

If no, list _____

* only concern would be Increase in E.R. visits & effects on local physician covering. — May need more use of Locum Physicians

(10) Recreation

If more people come to your area do you have the needed recreation facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

Do you see any issues in this area?? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list _____

Any you know of any special needs? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your units of government in the area can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes ☐ No ☐ DK ☒

Do you have any concerns?? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes list _____

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above?? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

What issues do you see in this area?? _____

LAST

What do you think of the development? ☒ Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

Thank You very much!

QUESTIONNAIRE

BIG STONE II

Questions from the South Dakota Local Review Committee

Name: Peggy Schuelke, CNP

Organization: Revillo Clinic (affiliated w/ Milbank Area Hospital)

Date: 10-18-05

Area you aware of the new plant that is proposed in your area? Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you aware of the expected employment? Yes ☒ No ☐

1. Housing supplies:

Will housing be an issue for your staff? Yes ☐ No ☒

For Others?? hopefully will get new residents Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you think the communities can handle the housing issues? Yes ☐ No ☒

What do you want to see done to help?
Assistance in developing housing

(1a.) Employees/employment:

Will the new jobs be important for your district? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK ☐

Will this impact your employment needs? Yes ☐ No ☒

How? _____

Do you know how do people find out about jobs now? Word of mouth, ads,

What assistance will you need? Would like packet to highlight communities in area, including ours.

2. Educational facilities and manpower

Do you think education will be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

What do you think needs to be done? Would like to see additional
Students,

What issues do expect?

What can be done to help?

3) Water supply and distribution;

Do you see any water issues for your community or county?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(4) Waste water treatment and collection;

Will waste water treatment be an issue?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(5) Solid waste disposal and collection;

Will solid waste be an issue for your area?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

(6) Law enforcement;

Will law enforcement be an issue for the area?

Yes ☒ No__ DK

Do you feel your local enforcement staff can handle the situation?

Yes__ No ☒

Do you need help from the other law enforcement agencies??

Yes__ No ☒

If yes, which ones?? Need additional staff Grant Co.
Sheriff office

(7) Transportation;

Will transportation be an issue in your area?

Yes__ No ☒ DK

Do you see any need for assistance??

Yes__ No ☒

Any action needed?? _____

(8) Fire protection:

Will fire protection be an issue? Yes__ No__ ☒

Any special needs identified? Yes__ No__ ☒

Any special action required? Yes__ No__

(9) Health:

Do you think there will be any health issues?? Yes__ No__ ☒

If yes, list _____

Do you think the medical facilities can handle the situation? Yes__ No__ ☒

If no, why? Revillo Clinic small - needs expansion.

What do you think needs to be done? Currently looking at expansion.

Current facilities in milbank orthomobile should be OK

Do you expect any special needs? Yes__ No__

Yes
If yes, list Only ↑ number, and need for after hours medical treatment.

Do you think you have the needed facilities?

If no, list Revillo Clinic needs expansion

Do you think you have the needed staff training?

If no, list Yes

Do you think you have the needed staff member's skill sets? Yes__ No__ ☒

If no, list _____

(10) Recreation

If more people come to your area do you have the needed recreation facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

Do you see any issues in this area?? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list _____

Any you know of any special needs? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes list _____

(11) Government:

Do you feel your units of government in the area can handle the issues that may arise from the construction of the Big Stone Power Plant II?? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

Do you have any concerns?? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes list _____

Can you think of any areas where you think you will need help, if not noted above?? _____

(12) Energy

Does your county have sufficient energy (gas, electric, heating oil, etc.) facilities? Yes ☒ No ☐ DK

What issues do you see in this area?? _____

LAST

What do you think of the development? Great 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Bad

What else would you like to add for the Commission to consider? _____

Thank You very much!

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Minutes of LRC Meetings

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MidAmerican Energy Begins Work on High-Tech Generation Plant; Iowa, Nebraska Gain Jobs and Energy Security from \$1.2 Billion Project

For more information, contact:

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa – Sept. 9, 2003 – MidAmerican Energy Company broke ground today on a \$1.2 billion electric generation project that will be the first in the United States to incorporate “advanced supercritical” technology.

The coal-fueled plant will be the biggest in Iowa’s history and the largest electric generation project globally for MidAmerican’s parent company, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company. It is one of the largest construction projects to date in the Midlands area. Construction, expected to be complete in summer 2007, will create more than 1,000 jobs at a payroll of more than \$300 million. (See accompanying [fact sheets](#) for more specific details.)

Supercritical boilers create steam at higher temperatures and pressures than traditional plants, converting coal to electricity more efficiently and significantly reducing emissions. Consistent with MidAmerican’s environmental commitment, the plant will incorporate additional advanced technologies for clean-coal conversion, including “dry scrubbers” and selective catalytic reduction.

The plant will be the fourth generating facility at the Council Bluffs Energy Center, adding capacity of 790 megawatts — enough to supply 650,000 homes — to the existing 820-megawatt capacity at the complex.

Greg Abel, president of MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company, said, “MidAmerican could not have undertaken this project without the leadership of Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack. By investing and planning now, this plant will go a long way toward meeting our common goal of energy stability and independence for Iowa’s future.”

“Gov. Vilsack, the Iowa Legislature and the state’s regulatory agencies have established an energy strategy for the state that focuses on the reliability and diversity of our energy supply, price stability over the long-term, and environmental responsibility,” he said.

Abel added, “We also are pleased to be able to contribute, through this project, to the energy security of our friends in Nebraska.” Utilities in Nebraska have contracted to purchase 150 megawatts of the new plant’s capacity.

MidAmerican is the developer and operator of the project. Other partners involved in ownership are Central Iowa Power Cooperative, Corn Belt Power Cooperative, Lincoln Electric System, Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska and the Iowa cities of Alta, Cedar Falls, Eldridge, Montezuma, New Hampton, Pella, Spencer, Sumner, Waverly and West Bend. Combined, these utilities provide electricity to more than 1 million customers.

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack said the new plant is good news for both the Midlands region and the state of Iowa. “We are very fortunate that, during a time of turmoil in the energy industry, MidAmerican Energy is enhancing the energy security of Iowans by increasing the ability to generate electricity here at home. A reliable supply of electricity, at stable prices, is essential to our state’s economic development.”

Council Bluffs Mayor Tom Hanafan said, “This project by itself is making a major contribution to jobs and economic development in the Midlands area, and by enhancing our region’s energy security, it will help attract new businesses.”

When the plant goes online, it will add approximately 70 full-time employees to the 146 now working at the Council Bluffs Energy Center, increasing the annual payroll by \$4.8 million. The plant will generate a total of \$3.4 million in annual property tax payments, of which \$1.724 million will be distributed to Pottawattamie County, the city of Council Bluffs, the Lewis Central School District and other local government bodies.

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) noted, "As Congress is on the eve of approving major energy legislation, Iowa continues to remain in the forefront of developing its energy infrastructure. I'm pleased that Iowa is expanding and diversifying its energy resources, and doing it an environmentally responsible manner."

MidAmerican's Abel added, "It is important to Iowans to achieve energy independence by developing energy resources within the state. MidAmerican took up Gov. Vilsack's challenge and announced its plan to add new and diverse sources of electricity generation in the state, while proposing to keep its Iowa electric rates stable through 2010. Our expansion here is just one part of that commitment."


In addition to the new Council Bluffs project, MidAmerican is finalizing plans to build 310 megawatts of wind energy generation in Iowa. That project will become one of the world's largest land-based wind facilities.

Last May, the company completed Phase 1 startup of the Greater Des Moines Energy Center, a 350-megawatt, natural gas generating station. Phase 2, which will add another 190 megawatts to the plant's output, is expected to be complete in December 2004.

MidAmerican also expects to invest up to an additional \$300 million on environmental improvements to existing coal-fueled generating plants during the next seven years as part of the company's emissions reduction plan filed with the Iowa Utilities Board.

"The environmentally responsible use of coal is a vital part of our energy portfolio because it is indigenous, plentiful and low-cost," Abel said. MidAmerican has entered into a long-term contract with Union Pacific Railroad to transport coal to the new plant from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming.

Mitsui & Company is responsible for managing the Council Bluffs construction project, while Hitachi Ltd. is providing boilers, power turbines and other critical technology expertise. Both companies are based in Japan, a leader in the development of supercritical technology. The engineering firm of Sargent & Lundy, Chicago, is the design engineer. Kvaerner Songer from Washington, Pa., serves as the general work contractor.

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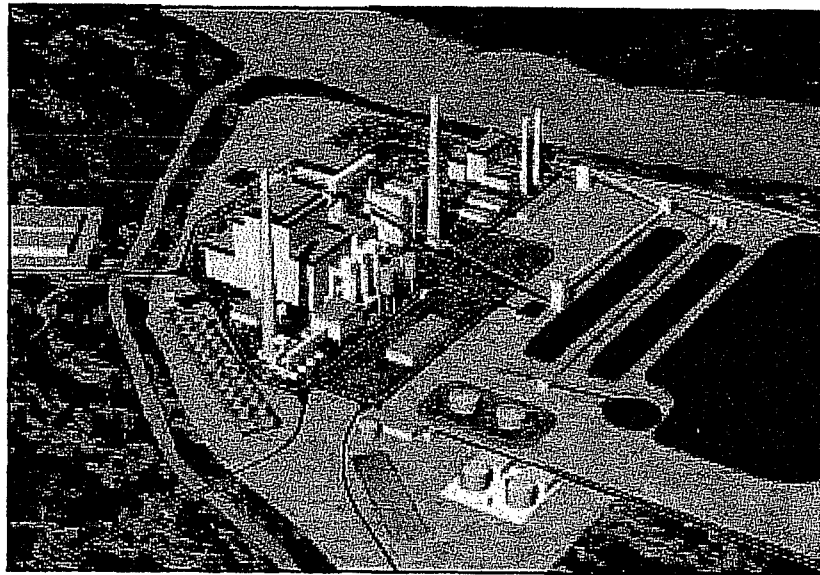
Council Bluffs Energy Center 4 — the new generation

NMPP Energy agency invests in coal-driven plant to generate electricity, stability, security and economic development.

By Lynn Everett,
Communications Specialist

The groundbreaking for MidAmerican Energy Co.'s \$1.2 billion electric generation project in Council Bluffs, Iowa, was literal at least and symbolic at most.

The Sept. 9 event celebrated the planned Council Bluffs Energy Center 4, a coal-fueled electric generation plant that will break new ground in fuel-conversion technology. CB4 will be the first in the nation to incorporate "advanced sup-



A sketch of the planned Council Bluffs Energy Center 4, which is slated for completion by summer 2007. MEAN will own more than 6.5 percent of the center.

"All 31 long-term participants unanimously passed an affirmative resolution in support of CB4," he said. "They extended their contract beyond the life of the bonds issued to fund this project."

MEAN's investment will include construction costs and participation on the construction committee, and it will be a small price to pay for energy that's affordable,

stable and reliable — not to mention good for the environment.

Benefits of CB4:

- **Lower, more stable energy prices** — Coal prices have changed little in 10 years; natural gas costs six times more.
- **Increased reliability of energy supply** — CB4 will add 790 megawatts — enough to power 650,000 homes.
- **Fewer emissions** — New technology enables cleaner coal conversion.
- **Economic development** — Besides adding 1,000 jobs with a \$300 million payroll during construction and 70 jobs at \$4.8 million for operation, CB4 also will stabilize prices and generate property taxes for government and schools.

ercritical technology" for the clean conversion of coal into electricity.

CB4 will generate more than clean energy, though. The project also promises to produce reliability of supply, price stability and economic development.

Realizing this promise, the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska invested in 6.67 percent of the project. In fact, the members' agreement to jump on board was undivided, said Bill Leung, chief operating officer of MEAN.

The use of coal will mean affordable, stable prices. "The cost of running natural gas plants is unpredictable and generally high," said Leung. "Furthermore, it can be hard to reliably get electricity here because of limitations in the transmission system.

"The CB4 project will provide long-term, stable-cost energy to our members," he said. "It is the lowest-cost resource available at the time."

As for increased reliability, CB4 will add 790 megawatts — enough energy to

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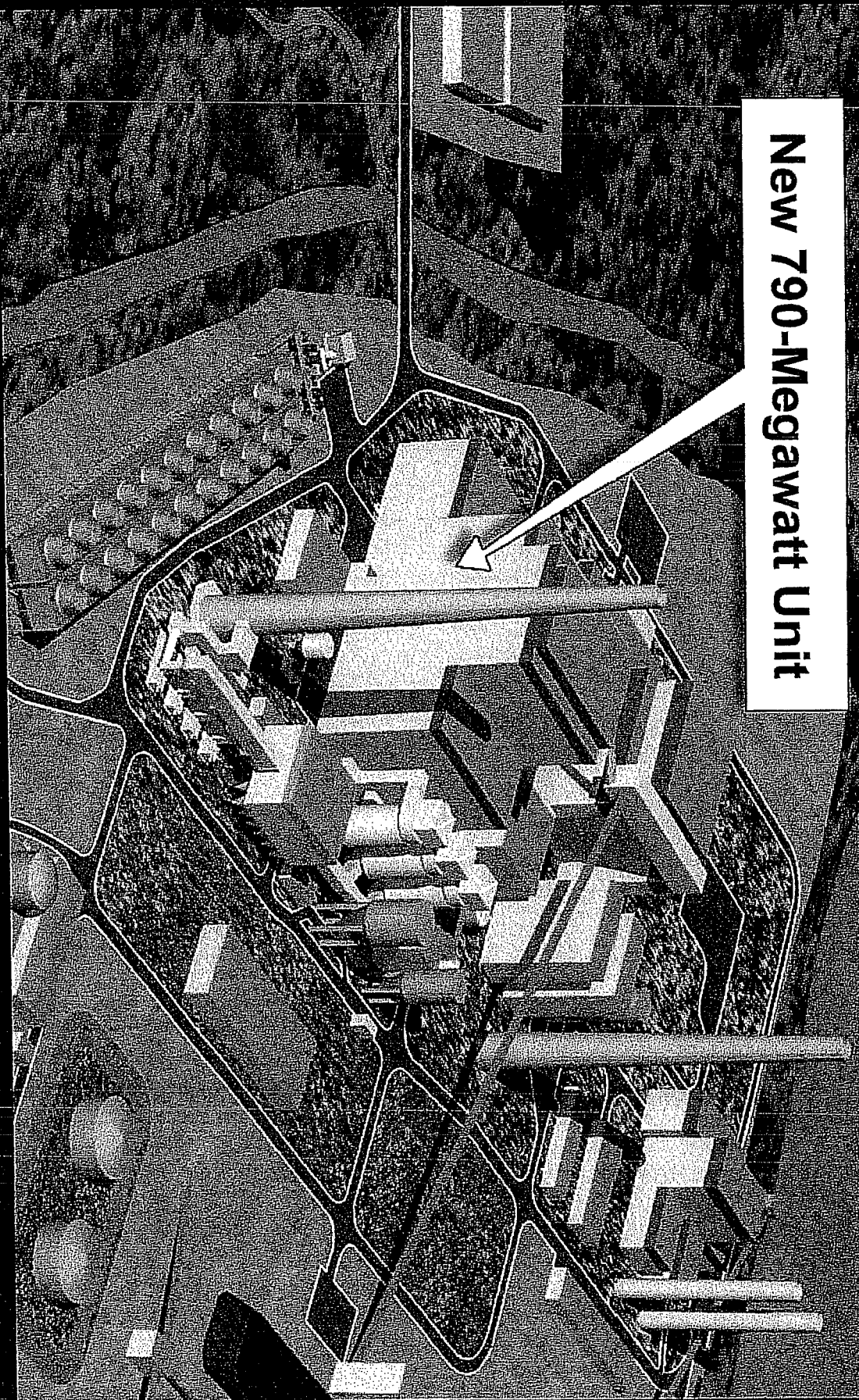
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New 790-Megawatt Unit

Council Bluffs Energy Center



JUST THE FACTS

Council Bluffs Energy Center's New 790-Megawatt Unit

Background

To ensure a long-term positive impact on Iowa's economy and a secure supply of electricity, MidAmerican Energy is building a new 790-megawatt coal-fueled electric generating facility at the existing Council Bluffs Energy Center. When the additional generation is added, the Council Bluffs Energy Center will be capable of producing more than 1,610 megawatts of electricity per hour.

The \$1.2 billion facility is the largest electric generation construction project in Iowa. It is projected to begin operations during the summer of 2007.

- Employment during construction is expected to peak at more than 1,000 workers, with an estimated \$300 million in construction payroll.
- The new facility is projected to require approximately 70 operations employees, with a combined annual payroll of \$4.8 million. Currently, the Council Bluffs Energy Center employs 146 people.

MidAmerican is the developer and operator of the project. Several other power industry partners also are involved in ownership. Those owners include:

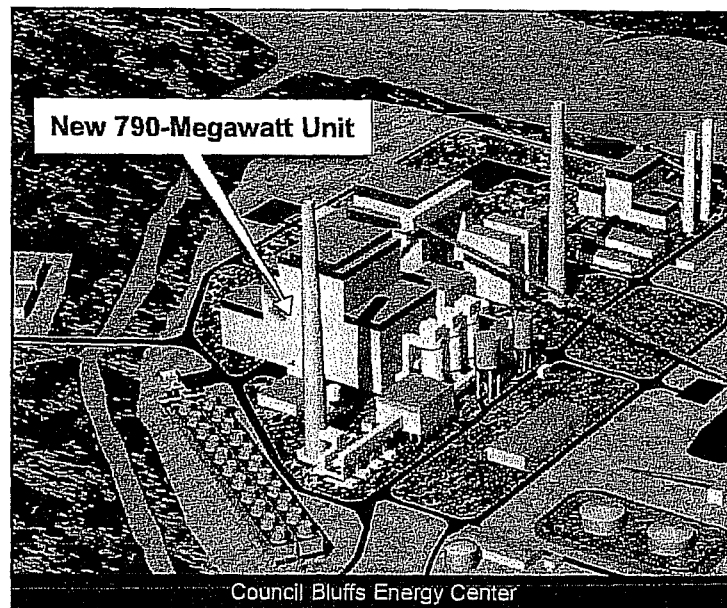
- Central Iowa Power Cooperative;
- Corn Belt Power Cooperative;
- Lincoln Electric System;
- Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska;
- and the following Iowa cities – Alta, Cedar Falls, Eldridge, Montezuma, New Hampton, Pella, Spencer, Sumner, Waverly and West Bend.

Environmental Considerations

Consistent with MidAmerican's environmental commitment, the company will operate the plant in an environmentally responsible manner. MidAmerican will employ best available control technology to control air emissions and will meet or exceed all required environmental standards for a new, coal-fueled generation plant.

Transmission of Electricity

The transmission system moves electricity from the power plant to the points where it is distributed to customers. New transmission lines and substations will be required to strengthen the existing transmission system to enable the delivery of the new electric supply. All new transmission lines will be sited and constructed under the rules of the Iowa Utilities Board.



QUESTION & ANSWER

Q. What makes Council Bluffs the ideal site for this new plant?

A. Many factors make it the ideal site, including the presence of an existing facility designed to be expanded, which means construction will be easier and more cost-effective. Starting from scratch at a "greenfield" site could add as much as 10 percent to the cost of construction. Also, because some of the existing infrastructure can be utilized and expanded, fewer environmental impacts are expected than if new structures were required. The Council Bluffs site has the added benefit of skilled employees at the existing plant whose expertise will be used at the new facility. In addition, the Council Bluffs site has access to a competitive rail line to keep the cost of coal delivery low.

Q. How much energy will Council Bluffs Energy Center Unit 4 provide?

A. Unit 4 will produce 790 megawatts of electricity, enough to meet the electric demand of more than 650,000 homes.

Q. Will new transmission lines or electrical substations be needed for the new power plant?

A. Yes, new transmission lines and substations will be required. MidAmerican has proposed a new 345,000 volt transmission line to be built between Council Bluffs and Des Moines. That line is in the preliminary stages of route selection and will require regulatory approval.

Q. Why are new substations and transmission lines needed?

A. These new facilities will strengthen the existing transmission system to enable the delivery of the electricity from Unit 4 to customers.

Q. Why did you decide on coal when other energy sources are available?

A. MidAmerican is committed to a diversity of generation resources. The company's portfolio includes wind, biomass, nuclear, hydro, natural gas, oil and coal. Phase 1 of a 540-megawatt, natural gas-fueled generation station has been completed in Pleasant Hill, Iowa. MidAmerican also has announced its plans to construct 310 megawatts of wind turbine generation facilities in north central Iowa. However, coal is the backbone of MidAmerican's and the nation's electric generation production because it is plentiful, economical and secure.

In addition, with modern technology, coal combustion is cleaner and more efficient than in the past. According to the Department of Energy, while coal use increased by 60 percent in recent years, sulfur dioxide emissions decreased 23 percent, and emissions of nitrogen oxides dropped 12 percent.

Q. How large will the coal pile be, and how will dust be controlled?

A. The current coal pile will be expanded and additional conveyance systems will be installed rather than constructing a second pile. This will minimize the environmental impact.

MidAmerican's coal piles are maintained to minimize fugitive dust emissions. Dust collection systems are in operation any time the coal is being transported on the conveyor belts to the boilers.

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Q. By adding an additional 790-megawatt coal plant, won't emissions just continue to grow in the state, especially over the long-term?

A. No. Power from the new plant will be produced more efficiently than power produced from older units. This plant will employ best-available control technology to reduce emissions. As older, less-efficient units are dispatched less frequently and eventually retired and replaced by plants with state-of-the-art technology, electrical plant emissions will actually decrease.

Q. Will MidAmerican retire other plants when this one comes on-line?

A. It is a possibility, since generating plants have a finite lifespan and some MidAmerican plants were built in the 1950s and early 1960s. This new, highly efficient plant will help protect our customers against an energy shortfall if we have to take an aging plant off-line.

Q. How many of the 1,000 construction jobs will be filled with area residents?

A. Virtually all the construction jobs will go to regional workers.

Q. Will Unit 4 pay taxes?

A. The plant will generate a total of \$3.4 million in annual property taxes, of which \$1.724 million will be distributed to Pottawattamie County, the city of Council Bluffs, the Lewis Central School District and other local government bodies.

Q. How will Unit 4 benefit Nebraska?

A. Approximately 19 percent of the 790-megawatt capacity is under contract to Nebraska utilities, helping to secure Nebraska's energy future. And because the Council Bluffs Energy Center sits virtually on the state line, across from Nebraska's largest urban area, it's safe to assume that many construction jobs and permanent operations jobs will go to Nebraska residents.



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THE BABCOCK & WILCOX COMPANY RECEIVES DRY FGD SYSTEM CONTRACT FOR COUNCIL BLUFFS ENERGY CENTER

BARBERTON, Ohio, December 20, 2004 — The Babcock & Wilcox Company (B&W) has received a multi-million dollar contract from Hitachi America, Ltd. for the engineering, design and fabrication of environmental control equipment at MidAmerican Energy Company's Council Bluffs (Iowa) Energy Center.

B&W will supply a spray dry absorber flue gas desulfurization (FGD) system, commonly known as a dry scrubber, and a pulse-jet fabric filter, including a reagent preparation system and other associated process equipment, for Unit 4, a new pulverized coal-fired boiler currently under construction at the plant. The B&W dry FGD and fabric filter technology will enable the plant to meet its stringent sulfur dioxide, sulfuric acid, trace element (including mercury) and fine particulate matter emissions requirements.

Engineering to meet the aggressive project schedule is underway, and fabrication will be sublet, with material shipment scheduled to begin in March 2005.

With the addition of the new 790-megawatt (MW) scrubber unit, the largest dry FGD and pulse-jet fabric filter system B&W has supplied to date, the Council Bluffs Energy Center will have a total generating capacity of 1,610 MW. Unit 4 is scheduled to begin operation in 2007.

B&W has a long relationship with MidAmerican's Council Bluffs plant, having supplied boiler equipment and replacement parts for the plant's existing three units under previous contracts with the utility.

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