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**BASIN ELECTRIC  
POWER COOPERATIVE**

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August 31, 2009

**VIA: EMAIL**

Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: EL09-015 & HP09-002; Proof of Notice – Notice to Landowners

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed is the form of letter sent to the landowners which was inadvertently omitted from the document sent to you dated August 26, 2009.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me direct at 701/557-5413 as soon as possible. I will be out of the office and unable to check messages from September 3 through September 16.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Casey Jacobson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Casey Jacobson  
Attorney

cjj/mw  
Enclosure

August 21, 2009

Basin Electric Cooperative  
1717 E. Interstate Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58503

Landowner Name  
Landowner Address  
City, State Zip

RE: Notice of Public Hearing for the Deer Creek Station Project

Dear Mr./Mrs. Landowner,

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission will hold a public hearing for Basin Electric Power Cooperative's proposed Deer Creek Station Project Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility (Dockets EL09-015 and HP09-002). The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., September 30, 2009 at the McKnight Community Hall, 228 West Main Street, White, South Dakota.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative proposes to construct and own a 300-megawatt natural gas-fueled combined-cycle generation facility and associated electric transmission line, water well pumping system, water pipeline and a natural gas pipeline. The generation facility site is located approximately 12 miles northeast of the city of Brookings, South Dakota in Brookings County approximately 6 miles east and 2 miles south of the town of White. The generation facility site area covers approximately 100 acres. The proposed electric transmission line will be approximately 0.75 mile-long, the water pipeline will be approximately 1.25 miles long and the natural gas pipeline will be 13.2 miles long.

South Dakota state law requires that landowners within ½ mile of a proposed project be notified of this public hearing.

If you wish to review the Applications in person, copies of the Applications are on file with the Auditors of Brookings and Deuel Counties. You can also access the Applications online at the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission websites:

<http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2009/el09-015.aspx> and  
<http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2009/hp09-002.aspx>.

For more information, you can contact the following:

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Sincerely,

Cris Miller  
Senior Environmental Project Administrator  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative