

Appendix B: Resolutions of Community Support

Basin Electric Deer Creek Station Project

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**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED
DEER CREEK STATION POWER PLANT PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the City of Elkton believes that the future growth and economic vitality for all communities in South Dakota depend on an adequate supply of affordable electric power.

WHEREAS, Basin Electric Power Cooperative has announced its intention to construct the Deer Creek Station near Elkton.


WHEREAS, Basin Electric Power Cooperative's proposed Deer Creek Station power plant will supply electricity to help meet South Dakota's growing demands for energy.

WHEREAS, the construction of this proposed power plant will bring temporary workers whose local spending will strengthen communities such as Elkton businesses.


WHEREAS, the Deer Creek Station Project will bring new 30 permanent operational jobs to the area, and these permanent workers and their families will strengthen the economic viability of communities such as Elkton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, that the city of Elkton South Dakota supports Basin Electric's proposed Deer Creek Station Project and associated gas pipeline and transmission delivery line.

Adopted this 4 day of May, 2009.


David Landsman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Schuurman
Finance Officer

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Hendricks Economic Development Authority

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Resolution of Support Deer Creek Power Plant

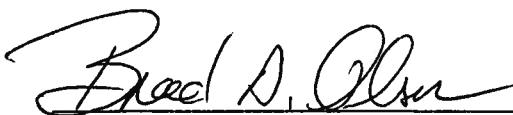
WHEREAS, Basin River Power Co-Op proposes to develop the Deer Creek Power Plant near Hendricks in east-central South Dakota, and,

WHEREAS, we find the project to be:

- Important in meeting current and future demands for electricity with non-foreign energy sources,
- Environmentally friendly in its use of natural gas and creative re-use of heat produced in the power generation process,
- Of significant potential economic benefit to our area in terms of short-term and long-term housing opportunities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hendricks Economic Development Authority extends its enthusiastic support for the Deer Creek Power Plant and urges approval of all permits which are necessary for the project.

Done this 7th day of July, 2009.



Brad Olson, EDA President



Paul Olson, EDA Secretary


**Deuel County
Resolution #09-10**

WHEREAS, the Deuel County Commission believes that a ready supply of affordably-priced electricity is a necessity for rural South Dakota residents and;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners believe that Basin Electric Power Cooperative's proposed Deer Creek Station power plant is a responsible project that will supply needed electricity for rural South Dakota residents and businesses, and that the construction and operation of the proposed power plant will benefit the economy of Deuel County and eastern South Dakota;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deuel County Commissioners support the efforts of Basin Electric Power Cooperative to build the proposed Deer Creek Station.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2009.



Darold Hunt, Chairman
Deuel County Commissioners

ATTEST:



Pam L. Lynde, Deuel County Auditor

Tim Reed

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June 23, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Brookings is pleased to support Basin Electric's proposed Deer Creek Station Project which will help alleviate the demand for affordable electric power. The project will not only benefit Brookings, but also greater South Dakota.

Deer Creek Station will contribute to the economic viability and development in the area. The thirty permanent positions and the temporary construction workforce for the project are welcome to live, eat, play and enjoy everything Brookings has to offer.

A new, large-scale construction project may bring temporary challenges to local infrastructure, but the City of Brookings will work with Basin Electric and Brookings County in seeking solutions for any issues that may arise.

The need for energy is perpetual. The City of Brookings would be proud to have the Deer Creek Station Project part of our community.

Sincerely,



Tim Reed
Mayor, City of Brookings

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June 9, 2009

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

The Brookings County Commission would like to go on record showing support for the application that Basin Electric is making for the proposed Deer Creek Station Project. The County Commission has been informed about the project and as a unified body this commission supports the utilization of local resources when they are available.

Please contact Stephanie Vogel, Commission Assistant, at 605-696-8205 if you have any questions pertaining to this letter.

Sincerely,

Donald Larson, Chairperson
Brookings County Commission

