

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY )  
BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, )  
INC. FOR AN ENERGY CONVERSION )  
FACILITY SITING PERMIT FOR THE DEER )  
CREEK STATION PROJECT COMBINED- )  
CYCLE NATURAL GAS ENERGY )  
CONVERSION FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED )  
SUPPLY SYSTEM AND ELECTRIC )  
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM )**

**JOINT MOTION FOR  
APPROVAL OF  
STIPULATION**

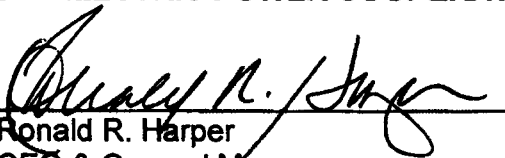
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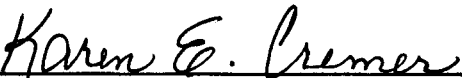
Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Basin Electric) and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission Staff), collectively referred to as Parties, hereby file the above-referenced Joint Motion and Stipulation with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Parties propose the Commission adopt the Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all issues in this proceeding. In support of this motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Stipulation resolves all of the issues in Docket EL09-015.
3. The Stipulation represents a negotiated settlement of specific issues in this case. The terms of the Stipulation agreed upon are, to the belief of the Parties, just, fair, reasonable, and consistent with South Dakota law.

For the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties jointly request the Commission to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation and adopt the attached Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in Docket EL09-015.

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