

**BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE
DEER CREEK STATION
EL09-15
Completion of Construction Requirements**

Background

Basin Electric Power Cooperative's (**Basin Electric**) Deer Creek Station was placed into commercial operation on August 1, 2012. The Stipulation approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (**SD PUC**) on June 2, 2010, had several conditions which required responses within thirty (30) days of completion of the project. A report was filed with SD PUC on August 30, 2012 which addressed the majority of the Stipulations in their entirety. This follow-up report will address the outstanding items of Condition 27.

Condition 27

Condition 27 provides, "Basin Electric shall use appropriate preventative measures to prevent damage to paved roads and to remove excess soil or mud from such roadways. Before commencing construction, the Applicant shall furnish an indemnity bond in the amount of \$800,000 to comply with the requirements of SDCL 49-41-B-38. Such bond shall be issued in favor of, and for the benefit of, all such townships, counties and other governmental entities whose property is crossed by the transmission facilities. The bond shall remain in effect until released by the Commission, which release shall not be unreasonably denied following completion of the construction and repair period. Basin Electric shall give notice of the existence and amount of these bonds to all counties, townships and other governmental entities whose property is crossed by the transmission facilities."

Attached is correspondence from the townships of Alton and Richland stating they are in agreement that the roadways have been returned to pre-project condition. Brookings County agrees that when the identified repairs to 482nd Ave occur that all County Roadways to have been returned to pre-project conditions.

Basin Electric is arranging for the services of a qualified contractor to make the identified repairs. The coordination efforts are still underway. The availability of a qualified contractor is currently proving difficult. Basin Electric will notify the SD PUC when the necessary repairs have been made.