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January 13, 2010

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57504-5070

**Re: PrairieWinds SD1, Inc. – Docket EL09-028**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

PrairieWinds SD1, Inc. (a South Dakota corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Basin Electric Power Cooperative) is proposing to construct a 151.5-megawatt (nameplate rating) wind energy facility to be located near Crow Lake, in Aurora, Brule, and Jerauld counties South Dakota.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the Commission plans to hold a public hearing on PrairieWinds' application on Monday, March 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the White Lake American Legion, Main Street, White Lake, South Dakota to hear public comment regarding PrairieWinds' application. In order to facilitate the hearing on the proposed date, PrairieWinds hereby agrees and consents to the extension of time within which applications for party status (pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40) can be submitted to and accepted by the Commission to the close of business on March 10, 2010.

If you should have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Kevin Solie, Senior Environmental Analyst, at 701.557.5495.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Rebenitsch". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ron Rebenitsch, P.E.  
Project Manager

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