

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

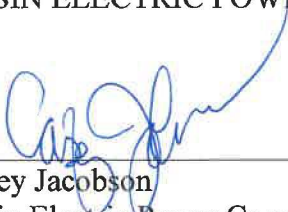
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) BY PRAIRIEWINDS SD1, INC., A) SUBSIDIARY OF BASIN ELECTRIC) POWER COOPERATIVE, FOR A WIND) ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT FOR THE) PRAIRIEWINDS SD1 WIND FARM AND) ASSOCIATED FACILITIES)	APPLICANT’S MOTION FOR RELEASE OF ROAD AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE RESTORATION BOND EL09-028
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COMES NOW, Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric), through its attorneys, move the Public Utilities Commission for the State of South Dakota (“the Commission”) for an order releasing the bond posted by Basin Electric as required by SDCL 49-41B-38 for the PrairieWinds SD1, Project (“Project”).

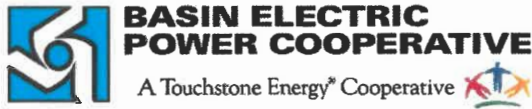
On September 9, 20216, the Applicant submitted a bond to the Commission as required by SDCL 49-41B-38 for the Project. The construction of the Project has been completed. The restoration of any road damages has been completed. Applicant has received signed releases from Aurora, Brule, and Jerauld counties as well as Viola, Plummer, Pleasant Valley, Lake, Bristol, Anina, Crow Lake, Willow Lake, and Logan townships acknowledging that all of the roads have been restored to preconstruction levels (Attachment A). As a result, Applicant respectfully requests an order by the Commission releasing the Bond.

Dated this 31st Day of January 2022.

BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE



Casey Jacobson
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
1717 E. Interstate Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501
Bismarck, ND 58501
Phone: (701) 557-5413
cjacobson@bepc.com



August 27, 2019

Aurora County Highway Department
Doug Vissia, Superintendent
PO Box 68
Plankinton SD 57368

Dear Mr. Vissia:

Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) constructed Crow Lake Wind (Project) in Aurora, Brule, and Jerauld Counties, with construction completed in early 2011. As part of our permitting efforts through the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Basin Electric was required to secure a bond in the amount of \$1,500,000. Our bonding obligation is to compensate for any damages beyond normal wear to public roads, highways or bridges or other related facilities caused by or attributable to activities relating to the construction of the Project.

With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Aurora County. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

Please contact me at ksolie@bepc.com or 701.557.5495 if you have any questions or need additional information to process this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Solie".

Kevin L. Solie, P.E.
Senior Environmental Compliance Administrator

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Aurora County Concurrence

Name: Doug Vissia


Title: Aurora County Highway Superintendent

Signature: Douglas A. Vissia

Date: 11-7-19



**BASIN ELECTRIC
POWER COOPERATIVE**

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

August 27, 2019

Brule County Highway Department
Mike Schlaffman, Superintendent
200 East Votman Street
Kimball, SD 57355

Dear Mr. Schlaffman:

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With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Brule County. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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Sincerely,

Kevin L. Solie, P.E.
Senior Environmental Compliance Administrator

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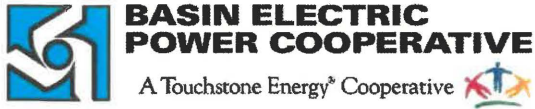
Brule County Concurrence

Name: Mike Schlaffman

Title: Brule County Highway Superintendent

Signature: 

Date: 9/10/19



August 27, 2019

Jerauld County Highway Department
Walt Hein, Superintendent
PO Box 422
Wessington Springs, SD 57382

Dear Mr. Hein:

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With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Jerauld County. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope provided. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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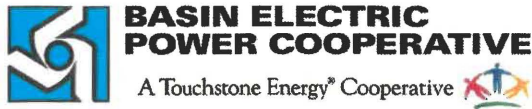
Jerauld County Concurrence

Name: Walt Hein

Title: Jerauld County Highway Superintendent

Signature: A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Walt Hein" written over a horizontal line.

Date: 9-3-19



August 27, 2019

Viola Township
Barry Krueger, Chairman
23358 385th Avenue
Wessington Springs, SD 57382

Dear Mr. Krueger:

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With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Viola Township. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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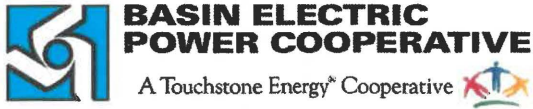
Viola Township Concurrence

Name: Barry Krueger

Title: Viola Township Chairman

Signature: A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry Krueger".

Date: 9/7/19



August 27, 2019

Plummer Township
Curt Geveshausen, Chairman
36446 244th Street
Kimball, SD 57355

Dear Mr. Geveshausen:

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With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Plummer Township. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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Sincerely,

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Kevin L. Solie, P.E.
Senior Environmental Compliance Administrator

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Plummer Township Concurrence

Name: Curt Geveshausen

Title: Plummer Township Chairman

Signature: _____

Date: 11-29-19



August 27, 2019

Pleasant Valley Township
Keith Mohling, Chairman
23855 382nd Avenue
Wessington Springs SD 57382

Dear Mr. Mohling:

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With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Pleasant Valley Township. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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Kevin L. Solie, P.E.
Senior Environmental Compliance Administrator

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Pleasant Valley Township Concurrence

Name: Keith Mohling

Title: Pleasant Valley Township Chairman

Signature: Keith Mohling

Date: 8-31-19



August 27, 2019

Lake Township
Ed Hanten, Chairman
24520 370th Avenue
White Lake SD 57383

Dear Mr. Hanten:

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With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Lake Township. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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Sincerely,

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Kevin L. Solie, P.E.
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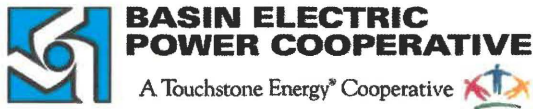
Lake Township Concurrence

Name: Ed Hanten

Title: Lake Township Chairman

Signature: Ed Hanten

Date: 9-5-19



August 27, 2019

Bristol Township
Ron Tobin, Chairman
24233 386th Avenue
Plankinton SD 57368

Dear Mr. Tobin:

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With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Bristol Township. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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Sincerely,

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Kevin L. Solie, P.E.
Senior Environmental Compliance Administrator

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Bristol Township Concurrence

Name: Ron Tobin

Title: Bristol Township Chairman

Signature: A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Tobin".

Date: A handwritten date in black ink that reads "09/12/19".



August 27, 2019

Anina Township
Gary Grieve, Chairman
37948 237th Street
Wessington Springs, SD 57382

Dear Mr. Grieve:

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With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Anina Township. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter in the attached self-addressed envelope. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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Sincerely,

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Kevin L. Solie, P.E.
Senior Environmental Compliance Administrator

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Anina Township Concurrence

Name: Gary Grieve

Title: Anina Township Chairman

Signature: A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Grieve" written over a horizontal line.

Date: 9-1-19



October 7, 2021

Crow Lake Township
Vince Johnson, Chairman
37050 237th AVE
Wessington Springs, SD 57382

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) constructed Crow Lake Wind (Project) in Aurora, Brule, and Jerauld Counties, with construction completed in early 2011. As part of our permitting efforts through the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Basin Electric was required to secure a bond in the amount of \$1,500,000. Our bonding obligation is to compensate for any damages beyond normal wear to public roads, highways or bridges or other related facilities caused by or attributable to activities relating to the construction of the Project.

With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Crow Lake Township. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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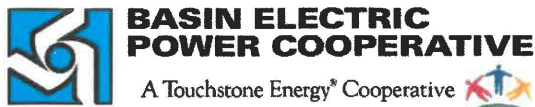
Crow Lake Township Concurrence

Name: Vince Johnson

Title: Crow Lake Township Chairman

Signature: A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vince Johnson".

Date: 10-20-21



October 7, 2021

Willow Lake Township
Danny Meier, Chairman
24595 370th AVE
White Lake, SD 57383

Dear Mr. Meier:

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With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Willow Lake Township. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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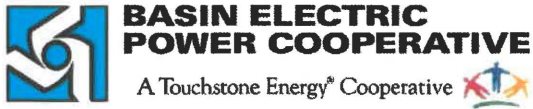
Willow Lake Township Concurrence

Name: Danny Meier

Title: Willow Lake Township Chairman

Signature:

Date: 10/20/21



November 15, 2021

Logan Township
Brian Havlik, Chairman
23625 365th Avenue
Kimball, SD 57355

Dear Mr. Havlik:

Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) constructed Crow Lake Wind (Project) in Aurora, Brule, and Jerauld Counties, with construction complete in 2011. As part of our permitting efforts through the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Basin Electric was required to secure a bond in the amount of \$1,500,000. Our bonding obligation is to compensate for any damages beyond normal wear to public roads, highways or bridges or other related facilities caused by or attributable to activities relating to the construction of the Project.

With this letter, we request your concurrence that no outstanding damages (as described above) require compensation in Logan Township. If you concur, please sign, date, and return this letter. If outstanding damages exist, please provide detailed information on the location, extent and estimated cost of repair of the damages.

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Sincerely,

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Kevin L. Solie, P.E.
Senior Environmental Compliance Administrator

Logan Township Concurrence

Name: Brian Havlik

Title: Logan Township Chairman

Signature: A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Havlik".

Date: 11-26-21