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Ted Smith, P.E.  
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Re: 20<sup>th</sup> Street South Interstate Interchange

Dear Ted:

I hope all is well with you this Christmas season!

I am writing on behalf of the City of Brookings in regard to the 20<sup>th</sup> Street South Interstate Interchange project in Brookings. This monumental project involves numerous issues and I have been requested to contact Sioux Valley Energy concerning the street lights and the electric power to these lights along this project.

The I-29 Exit 130 (20<sup>th</sup> Street South) Interchange Project will be installing all of the street lights to light the interchange and the sections of 20<sup>th</sup> Street South which are east and west of the new overpass. It is my understanding that a good meeting was held by our City Engineer and our consultants, Banners Associates, and Michele Nielson of Sioux Valley Energy to discuss Sioux Valley Energy's electric lines in conjunction with project planning. It was determined that before your planning for these lines gets too far down the line that the City should address the street lights.

The City believes it would be most efficient for the City of Brookings to provide the power and maintenance to its street lights serving this new interchange and street. This is a somewhat unusual situation, since these street lights will be in Sioux Valley's service area. However, there is a statute which addresses this issue, and it provides in part:

**SDCL 49-34A-57. Extension of lines to serve utility's or municipality's own property.** ...any electric utility may extend electric lines for electric service to its own utility property and facilities. A municipally owned electric utility may also extend its electric lines to serve its own public service facilities such as water and sewage systems, landfills and airports.



The City of Brookings believes that the City's street lights that light the overpass and interchange ramps and street would be public service facilities which can be served by Brookings Municipal Utilities. I am hoping by addressing this topic early on will assist Sioux Valley Energy's planning in connection with this important project. As you know, you or your attorney may contact me to discuss any aspect of this project and this letter.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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