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**RE: GD09-001 In the Matter of the Request of Glacial
Lakes Corn Processors for Approval of a Waiver of
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Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

To members of the Public Utilities Commission:

On behalf of Focus Watertown, the economic development organization for the city of Watertown, I write to encourage your approval of Glacial Lakes Energy in its request for license renewal.

The renewal of Glacial Lakes Energy's license is absolutely essential to the economy of Watertown. Glacial Lakes Energy has become an integral part of our community, creating jobs, generating income for local producers, increasing the value for local shareholders, and adding to the investment in renewable energy in South Dakota. I'm sure you understand what kind of impact that has on Watertown and why they should be allowed to continue to purchase corn directly from our local producers.

I understand you are being asked to make an exception against state statute. However, right now we are all faced with the grand task of restoring confidence to everyone and charged with wrestling the U.S. economy out of its worst downturn in decades, nationally as well as locally. As a community with an extensive manufacturing presence, we have experienced first hand the downward spiral of the economy with a steady decline in employment. Since July of 2007, our major employers have reduced their workforce considerably. Without the renewal of Glacial Lakes Energy's license, it will only add to the negative impacts we have had on our local economy.

Members, Glacial Lakes Energy is at the foundation of what makes Watertown great. The business is important to the continued vitality of our economy and an investment that promises to set a positive course for our economy in the future. By approving Glacial Lakes Energy's renewal of the license needed to purchase corn from our farmers we forge a bond that will assist in reaching the goal of economic sustainability for businesses in Watertown.

I ask that you lead the way in support of our economy in Watertown by supporting Glacial Lakes Energy in their request for license renewal.

Sincerely,
Craig Atkins, President
Focus Watertown

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