



May 11, 2010

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capital
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: In the Matter of the Application by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. for an Energy Conversion Facility Siting Permit for a Natural Gas Pipeline to support the Deer Creek Station Project. HP09-002.

Dear Commissioners:

Brookings County would like to go on record showing support for a positive ruling from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD PUC) on Docket HP09-002.

Brookings County has reviewed Stipulation HP09-002 and find the Findings of Facts to be accurate. The Conclusions of Law are beyond our scope of review, but we do find the fifty-six (56) Stipulations to be fair to our citizens of Brookings County.

Please contact Stephanie Vogel at 605-696-8205 if you have any questions pertaining to this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Falken", is written over a large, horizontal, light blue scribble.

Dennis Falken
Chairperson