

July 25, 2007

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Re: In the Matter of the Filing of the Investigation of the Natural Gas Incident of
March 8,
2007, in Mitchell, South Dakota

Dear Ms. VanBockern:

My secretary is sending you as an attachment to this e-mail the Petition to Intervene by Ann & Arend Kuyper and Darla & Carl Johnson. Such Petition is being submitted pursuant to ARSD 20:10:1:15.02 and constitutes an electronic filing pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:02.02.

Should you have any questions regarding the filing of this Petition, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

MAY & JOHNSON, P.C.

By
Jason W. Shanks

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF THE
INVESTIGATION OF THE NATURAL GAS
INCIDENT OF MARCH 8, 2007 IN
MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA

Docket Number PS07-002

PETITION TO INTERVENE BY
ANN & AREND KUYPER AND
DARLA & CARL JOHNSON

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, Ann and Arend Kuypers ("Kuypers") and Darla and Carl Johnson ("Johnsons"), by and through their counsel, petition the Commission to allow their intervention in the above proceedings and state as follows:

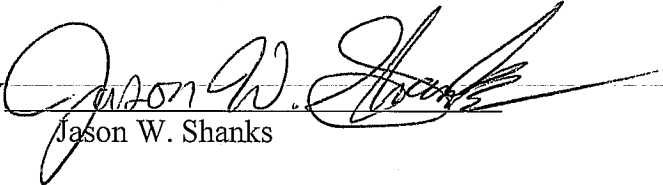
1. The Kuypers own the home located at 1613 Bridle Drive and the Johnsons own the home located at 1605 Bridle Drive, both in Mitchell, South Dakota.
2. Both homes were near the location of the March 8, 2007 natural gas explosion that is the subject matter of these proceedings.
3. Both homes received some property damage as a result of the natural gas explosion.
4. The Kuypers and Johnsons, via their counsel, have previously been in contact with the parties relevant to these proceedings.
5. The Kuypers and Johnsons reasonably believe their interests in these proceedings could be adversely affected if they are not permitted to intervene.
6. As a result of the loss of their property, the interests of the Kuypers and Johnsons in these proceedings are particular to them and distinguishable from the interest of the general public.

WHEREFORE, the Kuypers and Johnsons respectfully petition the Commission for leave to intervene in this matter.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 25th day of July, 2007, and in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:02.02, a true and correct copy of the PETITION TO INTERVENE BY ANN & AREND KUYPER AND DARLA & CARL JOHNSON in the above matter was served electronically upon:

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