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February 10, 2005

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Impacts of the Basin Electric Inter-tie Facility, Rapid City, SD

Dear Commissioners,

The Rapid City Planning Commission is requesting that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission review the impacts of the Basin Electric Inter-tie Facility located southeast of Rapid City on the existing residences and businesses, and review the impacts of the facility on the future urban development of the City of Rapid City.

The noise and vibrations currently being emitted by this facility are having significant negative impacts on the residents of homes that existed *prior to the construction of this utility facility* as evidenced by the testimony presented on numerous occasions to the Rapid City Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has serious and significant concerns regarding the impacts this facility will have on the orderly future development of the City of Rapid City. We hereby request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission undertake an independent analysis of the noise and vibrations being emitted by this facility and identify and implement solutions to eliminate the impacts of the facility on the Rapid City community. We believe that this effort is essential to the long term growth and prosperity of Rapid City.

Please feel free to contact Marcia Elkins, Growth Management Director, at (605) 394-4120 if you have any additional questions and to keep us informed of your progress in resolving this critical issue.

Most Sincerely,

Gary Brown, Vice Chairperson
Rapid City Planning Commission



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RE: Impacts of the Basin Electric Inter-tie Facility, Rapid City, South Dakota

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Rapid City Council, I am requesting that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission review the impacts of the Basin Electric Inter-Tie facility located southeast of Rapid City. As previously expressed to you in a letter from the Rapid City Planning Commission dated February 10, 2005, Rapid City has significant concerns with the noise and vibrations emitted from this facility and the impacts on existing residences and business, as well as the impacts of the future growth and development of the City of Rapid City.

We believe that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission should undertake the appropriate third party analysis to evaluate the impacts of the noise and vibrations being emitted by this facility. The City of Rapid City requests that such analysis identify solutions to eliminate the impacts of the facility on the Rapid City community. Further, the City of Rapid City requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission take all steps necessary to implement such solutions and eliminate the impacts of the facility on the existing residences and businesses as well as future development. We believe this effort is essential to the long term growth and prosperity of the City of Rapid City.

We look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,

Jim Shaw, Mayor
Rapid City, South Dakota



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