

April 11, 2004

**To: Pennington County Commissioners, Pennington County Planning Department, Rapid City Planning Office, Pennington County Department of Equalization, Bill Napoli, Basin Electric, Black Hills Power & Light, WREA, Black Hills Electric Cooperative, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:**

We are writing this letter to you concerning the Basin Electric and Black Hills Power & Light's East/West connector south of Rapid City on Hwy. 79. We own the land on the corner of Old Folsom and Lamb Roads. We live on Old Folsom Road approximately 1/4 to 1/2 mile east of the electrical station. Our family has lived in our current location since 1993, and has enjoyed a quiet and peaceful life here.

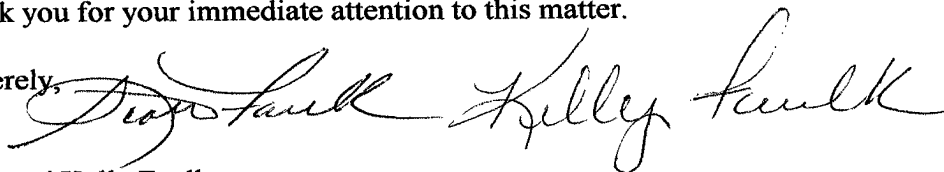
I need to voice my concerns; our quiet peaceful life is in danger. We have noticed a considerable amount of noise coming from this electrical station. This noise is of concern to me because they are currently running at only 25% capacity. When this electrical station starts running at peak capacity, at what levels will this noise be? Currently the noise is unpleasant and has changed our outdoor activities and enjoyment. What will it be like this summer when the demand for power increases? Will we be able to enjoy the outdoors or have our windows open?

A second concern to me is the Electromagnetic Fields (EMFs) from the high voltage power lines on Lamb Road. These power lines are approximately 1/4 of a mile to the south from our home. What is the amount of EMFs we are subjected to on a daily basis? Has there been a study of the amount coming from these lines? We feel we have the right to know what we are being exposed to. We ask for your assistance in answering these questions.

The EMFs and the level of noise are not acceptable to my family and our surrounding neighbors. We wish to find an acceptable solution to all parties involved. We are asking that our quality of life and property values not be diminished because of the noise and possible exposure to the EMFs that the electrical station and power lines have created.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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