

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.  
Antelope Valley Station Water Pipeline-  
Mercer Cty  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-04-109**

Subject: Dakota Gasification Company, Case No. PU-04-109  
Pre-construction Conference

The Commission's May 3, 2005 order required that a conference be held prior to construction of Basin Electric's water transmission facility. The order required that the conference include a Basin Electric representative, its construction supervisor, and Commission staff to insure Basin Electric fully understands the conditions set forth in the order.

On May 10, 2005, a pre-construction conference was held at Antelope Valley Station in Beulah. A record of the conference, including those in attendance, has been filed by Basin Electric in this proceeding. This was the most comprehensive pe-construction conference I have attended. It was conducted by the engineering firm in charge of the project.

I presented a review of the Commission Order's findings of fact and ordering clauses and a review of penal provisions of the siting statute.

Digging is scheduled to begin on May 24, 2005.