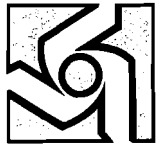


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Ms. Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco  
Executive Director  
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Re: Route Permit No. 95/ PU-04-109 for Antelope Valley Station Raw Water Pipeline  
Beulah, North Dakota

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

Page 3-1 of the Woody Species Planting Plan has been revised to reflect a 3-year post-planting period to verify the minimum 75% survival rate threshold. Ten copies of the page is enclosed for incorporation into previously submitted Basin Electric Power Cooperative's (Basin) Woody Species Planting Plan.

Basin had initially considered utilizing Coteau's Freedom Mine for the location of the plantings for the woody species replacement plan. Subsequently, an enhanced opportunity presented itself to utilize the North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Harmony Lake Management Area for the planting. Until recently, the Harmony Lake Management Area was a part of the Freedom Mine Area.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss our plan in more detail or to answer any questions. I can be reached directly at (701) 355-5635.

Sincerely,

Cris Miller  
Senior Environmental Project Administrator

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Enclosures

### **3.0 Plant Survivability Monitoring**

An annual survival count of the trees and shrubs will be performed for 3 years after planting. The annual report will be provided by October 1 of each year.

If the survivability of woody species is less than 75 percent after the 3-year review period, additional plantings of the preferred woody species, as identified in Table 2, will occur. The Order required a 2:1 replacement of woody species. The 2:1 ratio will be used as the comparative reference to determine the 75 percent survivability rate. The project's planting offering is based on a 3:1 ratio.