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Annette Bendish, Counsel
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408
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Dear Ms. Bendish:

On September 25, 2008, Duey Marthaller, Kevin Solie and myself met with you and Jerry Lien to discuss a proposed reroute by Basin Electric on Case No. PU-07-169, the Belfield/Rhame 230kv transmission line. The proposed reroute was to accommodate owners of the Leocadia Emmil Family Trust in Section 32, T139N, R98W and Section 5, T138N, R98W in Stark County.

At the conclusion of our meeting, it was decided that Basin Electric should submit a memorandum explaining the proposed reroute and a map identifying the original route and the proposed reroute. Enclosed are the requested documents.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at (701) 355-5713 or Duey Marthaller at (701) 355-5658.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah Fohr Levchak'.

Deborah Fohr Levchak
Staff Counsel

cc: Jerry Lien, ND Public Service Commission

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**Memorandum Explaining Proposed Reroute - Map
Identifying Original and Proposed Reroute**

Basin Electric Power Coop Inc.

Staff Counsel, Deborah Fohr Levchak

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MEMORANDUM

To: North Dakota Public Service Commission

From: Duey Marthaller, Project Manager

Date: October 7, 2008

Re: Case No. PU-07-169, Belfield/Rhame Transmission Line Reroute

On April 18, 2008 Basin Electric Power Cooperative submitted combined Applications for a Waiver of Procedures and Time Schedules, Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and a Route Permit for the Belfield/Rhame Transmission Project. On July 29, 2008 the ND Public Service Commission held a public hearing in New England, North Dakota, at which time Basin Electric presented testimony and numerous members of the public offered comments.

One of the persons offering comments was Mrs. Lydia Meduna, who with assistance from her brother-in-law, Mr. Beaudoin, testified at the hearing concerning land owned by the Leocadia Emmil Family Trust in Section 32, T139N, R98W and Section 5, T138N, R98W in Stark County. Mrs. Meduna testified that this land may be farmed in the future and they would prefer a parallel route closer to the property line, rather than the proposed diagonal crossing as identified in the Route Permit Application.

The current use of this tract of land is the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). As reflected in its Application for a Route Permit, Basin Electric proposed a route to diagonal through this area to follow a small valley, to avoid rough terrain on the western and southern portions of the parcel, and to minimize the length of the line. This proposed route also tended to minimize the visibility of the line from surrounding land owners.

Following the hearing on July 29, and having heard the testimony of Mrs. Meduna, Basin Electric performed further field surveys to determine the exact location and extent of the rough terrain in the western and southern portions of this parcel. In an effort to accommodate the landowners of the Leocadia Emmil Family Trust, Basin Electric marked a proposed reroute on the property that stayed closer and parallel to the property line. Basin Electric then met with Mr. Meduna, the husband of Mrs. Meduna, and Mr. Beaudoin in the field and came to an agreement regarding this reroute location. Basin Electric also contacted the nearest residence to the proposed reroute, Mr. Frank Hurt, who had no objections.

The enclosed map shows the original proposed route in the Application and the proposed reroute of approximately 1.75 miles.

The final plan and profile drawings submitted to the Public Service Commission by letter dated September 9, 2008 to Ms. Bendish from Deborah Levchak, reflects this proposed reroute.

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enclosure

LEOCADIA EMMIL TRUST - REROUTE

