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Mr. Derrick Braaten
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Dear Mr. Braaten:

In partial response to your letter dated July 11, 2008, that the Commission received July 17th, enclosed is a DVD containing correspondence between the Reclamation Division and Great Northern Power Development and its consultants doing work associated with the surface coal mine that is proposed near South Heart, North Dakota. Most of this correspondence relates to scopes of work for baseline resource studies that are necessary for a surface coal mining permit application and a pre-application alluvial valley floor determination as required by N.D. Administrative Code Section 69-05.2-08-13. All of the correspondence and documents related to the proposed South Heart mine have been either submitted electronically or scanned and saved to the PSC's computer network. Documents on the DVD were copied from electronic folders that the Reclamation Division set up for the South Heart project.

We are in the process of gathering staff notes from several meetings that we have held with Great Northern's consultants on this project. These notes and any other paper materials will be scanned into electronic documents and copied to a separate DVD along with copies of all stored e-mail messages that are related to the proposed South Heart mine. As we discussed during our phone conversation last week, all of these records should be located, copied and sent to you sometime next week.

Also, the PSC's legal division will be responding to your request with regard to other records related to Great Northern's South Heart project, including the filings for the proposed energy conversion facility.

If you have any questions on the electronic documents or encounter any problems in viewing them, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jim Deutsch
Director, Reclamation Division

Enclosure

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