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EXHIBIT NO. *Applic 7*

September 13, 2010

William McCarthy  
E3 Environmental  
817 Vandalia Street  
Suite 100  
St Paul, Minnesota 55114

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

Re: Bear Paw Energy – Garden Creek Gas Plant

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has received notification of the Bear Paw Energy's proposal to construct a gas processing plant near Watford City, North Dakota. The proposed plant is located on an 80 acre parcel in the S1/2SE1/4 of Section 35, Township 151 North, Range 98 West in McKenzie County, North Dakota.

The Department reviewed your proposal for Species of Conservation Priority and for the presence of PLOTS lands. From the information you provided us, it appears the project will not directly impact any Species of Conservation Priority or impact any PLOTS lands. However, the project site will impact at least one wetland. The Department recommends planning around wetlands when possible; however, when these areas cannot be avoided, we suggest contacting the Corps of Engineers' North Dakota Regulatory Office or the Natural Resource Conservation Service due to probable impacts to wetland acres. The Department recommends a mitigation plan be submitted with any necessary permit applications to facilitate the review process. We also request that the potential for sedimentation entering the receiving water body during the construction be minimized with the use of erosion control measures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Schadewald", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul Schadewald  
Chief  
Conservation & Communication Division

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Bear Paw Energy, LLC