

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners Kalk, Christmann and Fedorchak
Fr: Jerry Lein
Da: July 18, 2013
Re: Basin Electric Request for approval of project modifications,
Case No. PU-12-509: Pioneer Generating Station Siting Application

On May 14, 2013, Basin Electric filed a request for approval to add additional on-site anhydrous ammonia storage within the boundaries of the approved project area for its Pioneer Generation Station in Williams County. The project, as described in the siting application, incorporated a single 2,000 gallon storage tank. Basin reports that one additional 2,000 gallon tank located immediately adjacent to the first one is needed to relieve the risk of on-site shortages due to potential delivery problems, etc. Basin reports that the existing secondary containment area will accommodate the additional tank.

Basin further reports that the addition of the second tank will trigger a requirement for a site specific risk management plan under the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act and Section 112(r) of the federal Clean Air Act. Basin states it will submit a copy of the risk management plan to the Commission when it is completed.

I recommend the Commission approve Basin's request.

JRL