



June 5, 2020

Mr. Steve Kahl  
Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard; Department 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: Certification Regarding Improvements to Lonesome Creek Station

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed is a certification from Basin Electric Power Cooperative (**Basin Electric**) regarding its plan to construct the sixth permitted simple cycle natural gas unit (**unit**) at the existing Lonesome Creek Station site, approximately 14 miles west of Watford City, ND.

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code (**NDCC**) 49-22-03(3)(a), and NDCC 49-22-17, enclosed please find a notarized certification indicating the improvement activities at Basin Electric's Lonesome Creek Station (**LCS**) will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas as described in in North Dakota Administrative Code (**NDAC**) sections 69-06-08-02(1) and (2); the purpose of the improvement is to increase the capacity of the existing LCS.

Basin Electric plans to add the sixth 45 megawatt LM-6000 simple cycle natural gas unit to the existing LCS site near Watford City as approved in PU-14-852. The permitted unit was not built at the time of approval due to a downturn in forecasted load growth caused by to the reduced price of oil that occurred in late 2014 and early 2015. Because it has been more than four years since Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 43 was issued on April 29, 2015, Basin Electric further certifies the site continues to meet the conditions upon which certificate of site compatibility was issued as required by NDCC 49-22-17 and NDAC 69-06-09. Basin Electric is in the process of updating local land use, zoning and building regulations per NDCC 49-22-16.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 701.557.5495.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Solie".

Kevin Solie

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Cc: Trenton Schwan  
Anine Merkens

