



June 25, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Kahl:

RE: Continuing Suitability of Certificate for Lonesome Creek Station

Enclosed is a supplemental certification regarding Basin Electric Power Cooperative's (**Basin Electric**) plan to add the sixth and final simple cycle natural gas unit (**Unit 6**) at the existing Lonesome Creek Station (**LCS**) site, approximately 14 miles west of Watford City, North Dakota.

Basin Electric plans to add the sixth 45 megawatt LM-6000 simple cycle natural gas unit at the existing LCS site as approved in North Dakota Public Service Commission (**NDPSC**) case PU-14-852. Unit 6 was not constructed at the time of approval due to a reduction in forecasted load growth caused by the downturn in oil prices 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, Basin Electric must certify the site continues to meet the conditions upon which certificate of site compatibility was issued as required by North Dakota Century Code (**NDCC**) 49-22-17 and North Dakota Administrative Code (**NDAC**) 69-06-09-01.

In accordance with NDCC 49-22-17 and NDAC 69-06-09-01, enclosed please find a notarized certification that LCS continues to meet the conditions upon which the certificate of site compatibility construction permit was issued. Basin Electric is in the process of updating its local land use, zoning and building permits 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 that reads "K Solie".

Kevin L. Solie

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Enclosures

cc: Trenton Schwan
Anine Merkens

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Supplemental Certification of Continuing Suitability for Lonesome Creek Station Unit 6
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Kevin Solie

**CERTIFICATION OF CONTINUING SUITABILITY
LONESOME CREEK STATION UNIT 6
BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE**

I, Kevin L. Solie, Senior Environmental Compliance Administrator, a duly authorized agent of Basin Electric Power Cooperative that has authority to bind the company in these matters, do hereby certify under oath:

1. The North Dakota Public Service Commission issued Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 43 to Basin Electric Power Cooperative (**Basin Electric**) on April 29, 2015, approving the construction of three additional units at the existing Lonesome Creek Station (**LCS**) site. Basin Electric constructed two of the three proposed 45 megawatt units with commercial operation beginning in 2016. The third proposed unit, LCS Unit 6, was not constructed. Because four years have passed since Certificate 43 was issued, Basin Electric must certify in accordance with North Dakota Century Code (**NDCC**) 49-22-17 and North Dakota Administrative Code (**NDAC**) 69-06-09-01 that the site continues to meet the conditions upon which Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 43 was originally issued.
2. Basin Electric will comply with all applicable conditions and protections in the siting laws and rules and commission orders previously issued for any part of LCS as required by NDCC 49-22-17.
3. Basin Electric is in the process of updating local land use, zoning and building permits, and will obtain these approvals prior to construction as required by NDCC 49-22-17.
4. Basin Electric certifies the LCS site continues to meet the conditions upon which certificate of site compatibility was issued as required by NDCC 49-22-17 and NDAC 69-06-09-01. LCS Unit 6 will be constructed as originally proposed within the fenced area of LCS, on previously graded land within the existing site. Information regarding site suitability included in Basin Electric's previous siting application remains unchanged.
5. The proposed start date of construction is September 1, 2020 as required by NDAC 69-06-09-01(1).

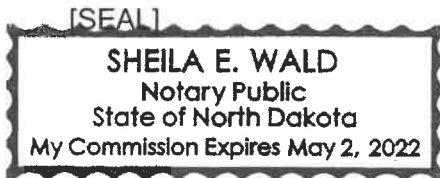
Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota this 25th day of June, 2020.



Kevin L. Solie, P.E.
Senior Environmental Compliance Administrator

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
)
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 25th day of June, 2020 by Kevin L. Solie, Senior Environmental Compliance Administrator, on behalf of Basin Electric Power Cooperative.



Sheila E. Wald

Notary Public