

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Lonesome Creek Station Phase III Project
Siting Application

Case No. PU-14-852

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Geralyn R. Schmaltz deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **28th day of August 2020**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **3** envelopes by first class mail, fully prepaid, securely sealed each containing a photocopy of:

- **Order on Continuing Suitability**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

See attached list.

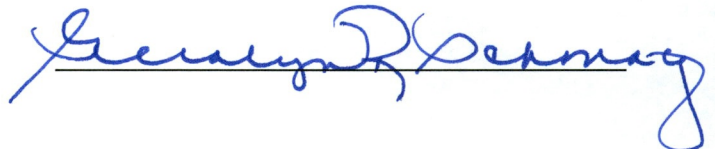
Geralyn R. Schmaltz further deposes and says that on the **28th day of August 2020**, she sent an electronic message to **41** addressees, each including an electronic copy in portable document format of the same document.

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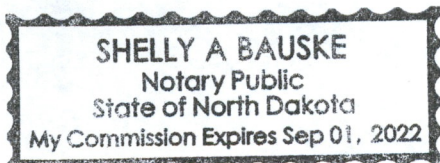
The addresses shown are the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office and electronic mail addresses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **28th day of August 2020**.



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ORDER ON CONTINUING SUITABILITY

August 26, 2020

Preliminary Statement

On April 29, 2015, the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) issued Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 43 (Certificate) to Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) for the Lonesome Creek Station Phase III Project (Project), in McKenzie County, North Dakota.

On June 25, 2020, Basin filed with the Commission a Certification of Continuing Suitability with supporting documentation (Certification), certifying that the designated site continues to meet the conditions upon which the Certificate was issued. Basin constructed 2 of the 3 planned 45 MW simple cycle combustion turbines shortly after the Certificate was issued. Basin plans to begin construction on the third unit September 1, 2020.

On July 23, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Notice), which provided until August 23, 2020 for receiving written comments or hearing requests. No requests for hearing were received. The Notice identified the issue to be considered in this matter is whether the site continues to meet the evaluation requirements and conditions under which the Certificate was issued and if so then during what time period should construction be authorized to begin.

Discussion

Basin certified that the third planned 45 MW simple cycle combustion turbine (Unit 6) will be constructed as originally proposed within the fenced area of the Lonesome Creek Station, on previously graded land with the existing site.

Having considered this matter, the Commission finds the site designated in Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 43 for the Lonesome Creek Station Phase III Project continues to meet the conditions upon which the Certificate was issued and the evaluation requirements of Chapter 49-22 of the North Dakota Century Code and Article 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Therefore, the Commission makes the following:

Order

The Commission orders:

1. Basin Electric Power Cooperative is authorized to begin construction of the Lonesome Creek Station Phase III Project pursuant to Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 43 as early as September 1, 2020 and no later than the September 1, 2023.
2. Except to the extent superseded or modified by this Order, the Conclusions of Law and Order provisions of the Commission's April 29, 2015 Order issuing Certificate of Site Compatibility No. 43 remain in effect.

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