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Patricia Van Gerpen  
South Dakota Public Utilities Executive Director  
500 E. Capitol Avenue  
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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

RE: Deer Creek Station Project Notification of Intent  
EL08-034

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing please find Staff's Exhibits 1 and 2 which depict Staff's recommendation in the above-referenced matter regarding the designation of the affected area and the local review committee pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-6.

Staff Exhibit 1 reflects the potential tribes, school districts, counties, and cities when using different radii. Staff is recommending a 12 mile radius as the affected area which is depicted as the shaded column. Staff's recommendation of 12 miles as compared to 6 miles for the most comparable facility of Groton 1 is based on the increased economic impact due to 30 permanent employees versus the 3 permanent employees at Groton 1 and the anticipated impact on Brookings, the area's largest city, which is 12 miles from the facility. Staff Exhibit 2 is a colored map showing the same information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/S/ Karen E. Cremer

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