Notice of Availability of Big Stone II Power Plant and Transmission Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Copies of the Big Stone II Power Plant and Transmission Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) are now available for review from Western Area Power Administration (Western). Western will hold public hearings on the DEIS to receive oral comments at 7 PM at the following locations:

**Tuesday, June 13, 2006**
Big Stone City American Legion
Highway 12 W
Big Stone City, SD 57216

**Wednesday June 14, 2006**
Best Western/Prairie Inn
200 Highway 28 East
Morris, MN 56267

**Thursday June 15, 2006**
Minnesota West Community & Technical College
1593 11th Avenue
Granite Falls, MN 56241

**Friday, June 16, 2006**
Benson Golf Course
2222 Atlantic Avenue
Benson, MN 56215

A question and answer period will be conducted prior to each public hearing from 5:00 PM to 6:45 PM allowing discussion with agency and Project officials. Oral comments on the DEIS will be accepted only during the public hearings and will become part of the public hearing record. Written comments on the DEIS should be delivered at one of the hearings or sent to Ms. Nancy Werdel at the address below. Written comments must be postmarked no later than July 3, 2006.

Ms. Nancy Werdel
Western Area Power Administration
Natural Resources Office, A7400
P.O. Box 281213
Lakewood, CO 80228

If you would like to receive a copy of the DEIS, please fill out the attached postcard and mail it to us, no postage required. Or, if you prefer, you may contact Nancy Werdel at (800) 336-7288 or by e-mail at BigStoneEIS@wapa.gov. If you have previously requested the DEIS, a copy will be provided to you.

The DEIS is available at the following DOE Reading Rooms:

Western Area Power Administration
Corporate Services Office
12155 West Alameda Parkway
Lakewood, CO 80228

Western Area Power Administration
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region
South Dakota Maintenance Office
200 4th Street SW
Huron, SD 57350.

U.S. Department of Energy
Forrestal Building, Reading Room 1E-190
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20585
Copies of the DEIS are available for public review at the following public libraries:

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To receive a copy, please check one box below:

☐ Send me an electronic copy on CD-rom
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Include your name, address, phone number, fax and email, so we may keep you up-to-date about this project. Western will not share your contact information during this EIS process.

Name: ________________________________ Title: _____________________

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