

September 15, 2008

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Prospective Members

FROM: South Dakota Wind Energy Association Steering Committee  
Doug Sombke, South Dakota Farmers Union  
Mike Held, South Dakota Farm Bureau  
Kevin Kephart, South Dakota State University  
Jeff Nelson, East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.  
Randy Parry, Rural Learning Center  
Greg Von Wald, Mitchell Technical Institute  
Bob Gough, InterTribal Council on Utility Policy  
Lisa Richardson, South Dakota Corn Council  
Nate Jones, Heartland Consumers Power District

SUBJECT: Invitation to Membership

We wish to invite your organization to join as a founding member of the South Dakota Wind Energy Association. The enclosed Executive Summary and accompanying materials describe the concept, current status, and potential organizational materials that would serve as the basis for this Association.

The goal is to initially organize the South Dakota Wind Energy Association on or about November 1, 2008. We would appreciate it if you would notify us by that date so we can include your organization as a founding member. As a means to determine your willingness to participate, we have enclosed a pledge form on which we would ask you to indicate the membership category to which you would subscribe.

The Steering Committee believes that commitments equaling about \$150,000 annually for a three-year period will be needed in order for the Association to be successfully launched.

We look forward to hearing from you prior to November 1. We ask that you return the enclosed pledge form by that time by mailing it to: South Dakota Wind Energy Association, PO Box 227, Madison, South Dakota, 57042.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the members of the Steering Committee. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

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