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Warren McCullough, Bureau Chief
Environmental Management Bureau
Montana Department of Environmental Quality
1520 East Sixth Avenue
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Notice of Major Facility Siting Act Certificate Amendment for Implementation of Dry Disposal Technology at Colstrip Units 3 & 4

Dear Mr. McCullough:

Enclosed is a notice of amendment to the Colstrip Units 3 & 4 Major Facility Siting Act certificate related to the implementation of Dry Disposal Technology at Colstrip Units 3 & 4. This notice is provided pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 75-20-213. Also included is an evaluation of potential impacts from the units' implementation of Dry Disposal Technology at Colstrip and copies of our notices to original parties to the certificate. We have initiated public notices to be placed in two publications: the Independent Press and Billings Gazette. Expected publication dates are May 26 and 20, respectively. We will forward copies of affidavits of publication in the near future.

With this submission, we request an amendment to Colstrip Units 3 & 4 Major Facility Siting Act certificate pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 75-20-219(2). As addressed in detail in the attached document, the changes attendant to the amendment would not result in a material increase in any environmental impact and would not be a substantial change in the location of any portion of the facility. With this in mind, we request MDEQ automatically grant this amendment request as contemplated in Section 75-20-219(2).

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordon D. Criswell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gordon D Criswell
Director, Compliance

Enclosures

CC: – Craig Jones, Ed Hayes- DEQ