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Mr. Jerry Menge
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Re: Completeness Review
Permit Application No. AP-3546

Dear Mr. Menge:

The Division has reviewed your March 10, 2006 response to the Division's December 21, 2005 request for additional information for the application referenced above to construct a 422 MW (gross) pulverized coal fired electrical generating facility to be known as Dry Fork Station located in Section 24, T51N, R72W, approximately 7 miles north northeast of Gillette, in Campbell County, Wyoming. The following are issues that need to be addressed in order for the application to be complete:

BACT for 134 MMBtu/hr Auxiliary Boiler

The Division's December 21, 2005 letter requested a top down BACT analysis including an evaluation of a 0.03 lb/MMBtu NO_x emission level for the 134 MMBtu/hr Auxiliary Boiler. In response, Basin Electric evaluated Selective Catalytic Reduction, Low NO_x Burners, and Low NO_x Burners with Flue Gas Recirculation (LNB/FGR). Basin Electric only evaluated LNB/FGR at an emission level of 0.04 lb/MMBtu and proposed this level as BACT. A BACT analysis including emission levels of 0.03 lb/MMBtu and 0.035 lb/MMBtu is required.

BACT analysis for Mercury

A BACT analysis for mercury is required by WAQSR Chapter 6, Section 2(c)(v) including emission levels of 10×10^{-6} , 20×10^{-6} , and 30×10^{-6} lb/MW-hr. The BACT analysis should include control efficiencies associated with proposed emission levels and provide cost effectiveness numbers.

The application currently estimates uncontrolled mercury emissions at 60.4 to 90.6×10^{-6} lb/MW-hr and controlled mercury emissions at approximately 30×10^{-6} lb/MW-hr. For reference, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality recently issued a permit for the Intermountain Power Generating Station with a mercury emission limit of 20×10^{-6} lb/MW-hr for sub-bituminous coal and EPA estimates that halogenated PAC injection can typically achieve at least 90% mercury control.

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Sincerely,



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