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September 17, 2012

Mr. Steven A. Dietrich
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Dear Mr. Dietrich:

Basin Electric Power Cooperative (**Basin Electric**) appreciates this opportunity to submit comments to the Air Quality Division (Division) regarding the proposed rulemaking changes for chapters 1, 6 and 7 regarding regulation of greenhouse gasses (GHGs).

Basin Electric is a regional, consumer-owned, generation and transmission cooperative formed in 1961 to supply supplemental power to a consortium of rural electric distribution cooperatives. Basin Electric's core business is generating and delivering electricity to wholesale customers, primarily our member systems. By the end of 2012, Basin Electric will own 3,749 megawatts (MW) and operate 4,737 MW of electric generating capacity, including the Laramie River Station and the Dry Fork Station in Wyoming. Basin Electric supplies 134 rural electric member cooperative systems with wholesale electric power who in turn serve approximately 2.8 million consumers in a nine-state area.

Basin Electric supports the changes to the rules to chapters 1, 6, and 7 that are another step in the process for the Division and the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to assume primacy over the regulation of GHGs in Wyoming under the Clean Air Act. We thank you for taking these steps, and will continue to support the Division in this continuing process.

Sincerely,


Claire Olson
General Counsel

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