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Mr. Craig Bleth  
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Mr. Bleth:

We are writing to express our support for Minnkota Power Cooperative's Project Tundra Community Benefits Plan.

The Milton R. Young Station has been operating in Oliver County and Center, North Dakota, for more than 50 years with Minnkota as the plant operator. In addition to its five decades of providing affordable and reliable electricity to North Dakota and the surrounding region, this station serves as the future home of Project Tundra. This project is a central part of our state's efforts to lead the nation in the development and implementation of commercially-viable carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) technologies.

Doing so is key to America's energy future, enabling us to continue utilizing all of our abundant energy resources, including our vast oil, gas, and coal reserves, while maintaining good environmental stewardship. At a time when our electric grid is increasingly strained and subject to more volatility, while the demand for electricity continues to grow, we need efforts like Project Tundra to ensure power is always available when it is needed most.

The good news is that North Dakota has been laying the groundwork for CCUS technologies for 15 years, establishing our state as the ideal location for these important efforts. We not only have unique geology that is particularly suited to carbon storage, but we have established the legal and regulatory environment necessary to implement these technologies. This includes securing approval from the Environmental Protection Agency to give North Dakota regulatory primacy over Class VI wells.

The Community Benefits Plan submitted on behalf of Project Tundra builds upon these successes, while adding to Minnkota's longtime record of beneficial community engagement. Accordingly, we hope this application receives favorable consideration. Thank you again for your continued work on these important matters. Please feel free to contact our offices should you need any further assistance.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator



Kevin Cramer  
U.S. Senator



Kelly Armstrong  
Member of Congress