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Pete Ricketts, Governor

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RE: NDEQ Recommended 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> Designations for Hastings Utilities Whelan Energy Center (facility ID #58048)

Dear Mark,

Transmitted with this letter are the 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> modeling results and supporting information for the Hastings Utilities Whelan Energy Center, characterizing air quality in this area as required by the Data Requirements Rule at 40 CFR Part 51 Subpart BB. (Please note a typographical error exists in the facility ID listed in the modeling support documents authored by HDR Engineering, Inc.; it is listed as 33563 but should be 58048.)

Because the SO<sub>2</sub> levels modeled for the Whelan Energy Center do not exceed the 2010 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality recommends a designation of *attainment*.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Macy

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