



WILLMAR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

March 11, 2010

Congressman Collin C. Peterson
2211 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT – CORN COB/COAL CO-COMBUSTION
IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT**

Chairman Peterson:

As General Manager of the Willmar Municipal Utilities, I respectfully submit this request for \$3,000,000 for a Corn Cob/Coal Co-Combustion Implementation Project to be located in Willmar, Minnesota.

The preliminary results from the pilot project are favorable and WMU is ready to move ahead with Power Plant modifications. This project would include installing new bio-fuel storage, handling, and boiler feeding equipment.

This project will allow WMU to continue its efforts to transition into a renewable generation era which will help the local economy and reduce our dependency of fossil fuels.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$4,500,000. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Bruce J. Gomm, PE
General Manager

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