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December 9, 2003

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RE: Rushford Municipal Utility
AQD File: 4188
SEH No. A-RUSHF0303.00

Dear Ms. Rahimzadeh:

On behalf of the City of Rushford, Minnesota we appreciate your efforts and the work of Mr. Marshall Cole toward securing an Option C Registration Air Emissions Permit for the proposed standby electric generating plant. We are very disappointed, however, that the Air Quality Division is asking us to deviate from the air dispersion screening model approach required of similar facilities elsewhere in the state. We feel that the Air Quality Division has changed the rules in mid-process and singled out Rushford for unfair and arbitrary treatment. This is very frustrating.

In order to keep this important project moving forward and in the spirit of cooperation with the Air Quality Division, the Rushford Electric Commission reevaluated its position regarding the West Winona Street site and recommended to the Rushford City Council that an alternate site be selected for the proposed plant. This alternate site will eliminate the ambient air impact concerns expressed in your letter dated November 19, 2003, and sent to Larry Bartelson, City Administrator.

From phone conversations with Mr. Marshall Cole of the Rochester MPCA office, we understand that we must resubmit selected pages of the air permit application to reference the proposed change in location. We have authorized our consulting engineers, Associated Consulting Engineers, Inc. to do this. We have also contacted Mr. Bill Storm, at the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board and withdrew our voluntary Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the West Winona Street location.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the status of our project, please don't hesitate contacting Larry Bartelson at 507-864-2667.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Fogal", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Fogal
Chairman, Rushford Electric Utility Commission

CC: Marshall Cole, MPCA, Rochester
Bill Storm, EQB
Steve Schreurs, SEH