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Russell Olson Manager of Economic Development Heartland Consumers Power District P.O. Box 248 Madison, SD 57042

RE: SD Highway 34 Four The Future project

Dear Russell,

I am writing to express support for the SD Hwy 34 Four the future project on behalf of Dakota Ethanol, LLC. As you are aware, we have a lot of truck traffic into our facility on a daily basis, with an estimated traffic count exceeding 20,000 vehicles annually.

Dakota Ethanol certainly appreciates the turning lane for the westbound traffic into the facility. There have been no incidents related to traffic problems at Dakota Ethanol, LLC; however safety is the utmost concern for us and for everyone traveling SD Hwy 34.

Any expansion of Dakota Ethanol, LLC would naturally lead to more traffic and the safety of everyone would be a high consideration given to such a project. A four lane highway would be much safer for everyone and pave the way for economic expansion in the Madison area, as a four lane access to the Interstate System would ensure increased growth for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Scott A Mundt General Manager