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The Honorable Heidi Heitkamp
United States Senate
SH-502 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-3407

Dear Senator Heitkamp:

I am writing to express Great River Energy's support for your efforts to develop legislation to encourage clean coal technology development, including technologies to cost effectively capture, use and store carbon dioxide.

We support the need for government to partner with industry and to provide robust cost-share, public sector funding for clean coal technology research, development and demonstration. Given the current costs of CO₂ capture technology, we agree with the scope and direction of those provisions in your proposal to provide incentives that will encourage the use of captured carbon dioxide for the recovery of crude oil. In addition, we applaud the recognition you have given in the legislation to the need for accelerated development of next generation, transformational technologies. This focus on transformational technologies will stimulate America's scientists and engineers to do what they do best and develop the coal technologies of the future that are low cost, reliable and nearly emissions free.

We also support the efforts you have made to increase the accessibility of Department of Energy (DOE) funds for coal projects. Removing the restriction on accessing a second source of DOE funding and directing 25 percent of funds in the DOE Loan Program for fossil energy to coal projects will ensure that advanced coal and carbon capture and storage are supported through existing federal programs.

Thank you for your leadership and foresight in the preparation and submittal of this legislation. We will work with you and your cosponsors in the consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Ambrose
Director, Governmental Affairs