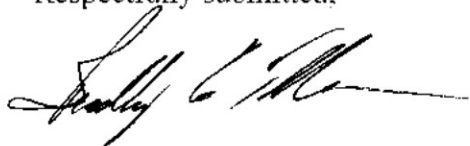


national security interests to ensure that this base has reliable power delivery. Clearly, maintaining the supply of reliable, affordable energy in South Dakota and across the country is crucial to national security.

V. Conclusion

Otter Tail and the Co-owners appreciate the opportunity to present reasons for which the Big Stone Plant should be exempt from MATS RTR compliance requirements for a two-year period. We respectfully request your consideration and are happy to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bradley E. Tollerson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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