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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
NIOBRARA, Wyoming

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy's proposed project known as FutureGen is being promoted as a hydrogen fuel, low emission coal-based prototype power plant; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming, and in particular the Powder River Basin on the northern edge of Converse County is well suited for this project, with its vast recoverable coal reserves and well-defined geologic formations capable of sequestering CO₂; and

WHEREAS, Converse County has the transportation and community infrastructure, including highways, railroads, power transmission, recreation, schools, water and sewer treatment and housing to support the construction and continued operation of coal processing and electricity production facilities; and

WHEREAS, Converse County lies south of the heavily industrialized coal mining and coal bed methane producing region known as the Powder River Basin and is therefore not in an area threatened with air quality non-attainment status, thus allowing room for significant new industrial growth; and

WHEREAS, construction of coal processing, enhancement facilities and power generation plants has been identified by residents of the area as being high priority for economic development, thus providing additional jobs and increased tax base,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Converse County, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, supports this project and respectfully;

1. Requests support from U.S. Senator Craig Thomas, U.S. Senator Mike Enzi, U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Cubin and Wyoming Governor David Freudenthal to back efforts to bring FutureGen to Wyoming and Converse County;
2. Requests support from them to promote Wyoming as the preferred location based on economics and cost of production of the final product and not political influence,
3. Requests that the Converse Area New Development Organization continue to lead this effort and supports the Wyoming alliance that has been assembled for this purpose.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 2003.

Board of Commissioners
NIOBRARA, Wyoming

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST: Becky L. Freeman
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