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We, the undersigned, hereby join as partners in the **South Dakota Energy Smart** initiative. We are committed to improving energy efficiency in South Dakota and stand behind the following South Dakota Energy Smart objectives:

- ✦ Recognizing realistic, cost-effective energy efficiency as a resource that can offset the need for new generation
- ✦ Making or continuing a long-term commitment to implement realistic, cost-effective energy efficiency programs
- ✦ Educating consumers about the benefits of and opportunities for energy efficiency
- ✦ Providing reasonable, timely, and stable energy efficiency funding, subject to regulatory approval when needed

Energy efficiency is one of the most cost-effective ways to address the challenges of high energy prices, energy security and independence, and environmental stewardship. As a partner in the **South Dakota Energy Smart** initiative, we look forward to helping South Dakotans become more efficient users of energy.

Black Hills Power

Heartland Consumers Power District

MidAmerican Energy Company

Missouri River Energy Services

Montana-Dakota Utilities

NorthWestern Energy

Otter Tail Power Company

S.D. Municipal Electric Association

S.D. Rural Electric Association

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