September 1, 2005

Ms. Karlene Fine
Executive Director
Attn: Oil and Gas Research Program
North Dakota Industrial Commission
State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Ms. Fine:

Subject: EERC Proposal No. 2006-0037

Enclosed please find an original and 15 copies of the proposal entitled "Proposal to North Dakota Oil and Gas Research Council for the Plains CO₂ Reduction Partnership Program – Phase II." This proposal reflects the prior letter of support provided by the North Dakota Industrial Commission (NDIC) Oil and Gas Research Council at the time of the proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) (see Appendix A). The EERC has recently been awarded approximately \$14.3 million from DOE for this activity as well as commitments from our partners for cash and in-kind cost share totaling an additional \$7.1 million. The EERC looks forward to the opportunity to work with NDIC on this rapidly developing opportunity. Also enclosed is the \$100 application fee.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (701) 777-5279 or by e-mail at esteadman@undeerc.org.

Sincerely,

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PROPOSAL TO NORTH DAKOTA OIL AND GAS RESEARCH COUNCIL FOR THE PLAINS CO₂ REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM – PHASE II

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ABSTRACT

The Plains CO₂ Reduction (PCOR) Partnership at the Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) has been established as a Phase II Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (RCSP) program. The partnership region includes nine states and three provinces, including North Dakota. Phase II of the PCOR Partnership will include, among other tasks, field-based demonstration projects that focus on injecting CO₂ into geologic formations for the dual purpose of CO₂ sequestration and enhanced hydrocarbon production. Three sites have been selected for geologic field demonstrations, including the Beaver Lodge oil field in North Dakota, the Harmon coal seam in North Dakota, and the Zama oil field in Alberta, Canada. The primary objectives of these activities are twofold: 1) to develop data sets that verify the ability of the target formations to store CO₂ and produce incremental hydrocarbons and 2) to develop a mechanism by which carbon credits can be monetized for CO₂ sequestered in geologic formations. Successful implementation of the results of these activities will lead to the development of new sources of CO₂ for tertiary recovery operations and will extend the economic life of many of the region's productive oil and gas fields by up to 30 years. The project will be conducted over 4 years. Ultimately, billions of dollars worth of incremental oil production could be achieved by using CO₂ tertiary recovery operations. The total value of the project is \$21,487,892, of which the North Dakota Industrial Commission Oil and Gas Research Council is being asked to contribute \$500,000. This funding is critical to support field validation tests in North Dakota's Williston Basin. Key among the more than 40 partners in the project are the EERC, the U.S. Department of Energy, Amerada Hess Corporation, Apache Canada, the Dakota Gasification Company, the Encore Acquisition Company, and the North Dakota Petroleum Council.

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PROJECT SUMMARY

The Plains CO₂ Reduction (PCOR) Partnership at the Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) has been established as a Phase II Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership (RCSP) program. The partnership region includes North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, parts of Wyoming and Montana, and the Canadian provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Phase I efforts of the PCOR Partnership were largely focused on characterizing the major stationary CO₂ sources and geologic sinks in the region. The regional characterization activities conducted under Phase I confirmed that while there are numerous large stationary CO2 emission sources, the region also has tremendous capacity for CO₂ sequestration. Phase I also showed that the most economically viable near-term opportunities for sequestering CO₂ in the region are projects that use CO₂ for value-added processes such as enhanced oil recovery (EOR) or enhanced coalbed methane (ECBM) recovery. Phase II efforts of the PCOR Partnership will therefore include field-based demonstration projects that focus on injecting CO₂ into geologic formations for the dual purpose of CO₂ sequestration and enhanced hydrocarbon production. The goals of these demonstrations are twofold: 1) to develop approaches and attendant data sets that verify the ability of the target formations to store CO₂ and produce incremental hydrocarbons and 2) to develop a scientifically defendable, engineering- and science-based methodology and mechanism by which carbon credits can be monetized for CO₂ sequestered in geologic formations. The monetization of carbon credits will enhance the economics of tertiary recovery operations in the Williston Basin. PCOR Partnership activities will also promote the implementation of technology for the capture, transport, and storage of anthropogenic CO₂ emissions from stationary sources across the region, which will ultimately increase the amount of CO₂ available for EOR and ECBM projects in North Dakota.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Objectives

The objectives of the proposed work are to develop regional solutions for the capture, transport, and storage of anthropogenic CO₂ in the PCOR Partnership region, particularly with respect to ensuring the safe and economical storage of CO₂ in geologic formations and terrestrial ecosystems. With respect to the North Dakota oil and gas industry, the objectives of PCOR Partnership Phase II efforts are 1) to match regional CO₂ sources with appropriate economically viable geologic sinks in North Dakota (i.e., tertiary EOR and/or ECBM projects) and 2) to develop a means by which a carbon credit market for geologic sequestration of CO₂ can be established, thereby enhancing and extending the economic life of the region's oil and gas fields. There are a number of complementary PCOR Partnership Phase II activities that are not specifically discussed herein. Among them are further regional characterization; a terrestrial sequestration project; research into safety, regulatory, and permitting issues; and public outreach and education.

Methodology

The PCOR Partnership Phase II objectives that most directly match the goals of the North Dakota Oil and Gas Research Council (OGRC) will be accomplished through three technology validation projects that focus on hydrocarbon recovery. Two projects will focus on the incremental recovery of oil through tertiary operations in carbonate reservoirs. One project will inject CO₂ into the Duperow Formation at the Beaver Lodge oil field in North Dakota. A second project will inject acid gas, which consists of 60% CO₂ and 40% H₂S, into a pinnacle reef structure at the Zama field in Alberta, Canada. The demonstration at Zama is relevant to North Dakota in that 1) similar pinnacle structures exist in North Dakota and 2) at least two similar sources of acid gas exist in the Williston Basin, and the results from Zama will provide insight into the use of such gas for tertiary recovery projects in North Dakota. The third project will focus on evaluating the potential for ECBM through the injection of CO₂ into the Harmon lignite seam in southwestern North Dakota.

These field validation tests will be accomplished through a systematic 4-year effort. Methods of accomplishing the objectives for each field validation test project include the following:

- Preinjection baseline site characterization
- Development and implementation of appropriate measurement, mitigation, and verification (MMV) protocols
- Public outreach activities
- Continued development of regional opportunities for EOR and ECBM

Although a vibrant carbon credit trading market for sequestration in geologic formations would facilitate economic recovery of oil and gas by providing incremental financial incentive, there are several hurdles to establishing such a market. The primary hurdles include 1) demonstrating that the injected CO₂ can be monitored and verified in manners that are technically accurate and cost-effective,

2) demonstrating that the injection and storage processes are safe, and 3) packaging the credits generated by verified storage projects for sale. Using the data generated by the field demonstrations, a Regional Technology Implementation Plan will be developed that will provide producers in the Williston Basin the tools they need to quantify, verify, and package geologically sequestered CO₂ for market. It is important to note that, at present, geologically sequestered CO₂ is not readily traded in rapidly evolving carbon credit markets. It is the intention of the PCOR Partnership, through activities such as those proposed herein, to facilitate their introduction into those markets. On August 29, 2005, U.S. trades of terrestrial (nongeologic) carbon credits on the voluntary Chicago Climate Exchange were valued at \$2.02/metric ton CO₂ (\$0.11/mcf CO₂).

With respect to matching regional CO₂ sources to potential EOR and ECBM projects in North Dakota, other partnership tasks will focus on identifying potential new sources of CO₂ and an economically viable means of transporting that CO₂ to those projects. Under Phase II, the PCOR Partnership will enhance already established working relationships with ethanol plants, existing power generating facilities, and at least one new integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) power plant. In addition, the partnership will continue to track the development of newly announced plants (e.g., the

planned coal-to-liquids facility near Underwood, North Dakota) that may provide additional CO₂ for utilization and will also track new technology for capture of CO₂ at existing large stationary sources. In particular, the PCOR Partnership will develop a CO₂ management plan for the Excelsior Energy, Inc., power plant (the "Mesaba Energy Project" or "Mesaba"), to be completed in northern Minnesota in the 2010–2012 time frame. The Mesaba power plant will generate tremendous amounts of capture-ready CO₂, and the EERC will examine the technical and economic viability of capturing and transporting that CO₂ to the Williston Basin for use in tertiary EOR projects.

Facilities

The EERC and its partners will apply an impressive combination of skills, resources, capabilities, and facilities to meet and exceed PCOR Partnership Phase II objectives. The EERC's 216,000 square feet of laboratory, technology demonstration, and office space, located on the University of North Dakota (UND) campus provides facilities, equipment, and experienced personnel. The EERC has the capability to conduct evaluations of parameters related to petroleum geology and to utilize relational database design, geographic information system (GIS) programming, database applications and decision support tools, and predictive modeling. The PCOR Partnership's industrial sponsors and collaborative partners offer personnel, expertise, locations, and facilities that will be used for the demonstration of CO₂ separation, transportation, and capture technologies as well as EOR and sequestration during Phase II activities.

Anticipated Results

The results of these field validation tests will be used to 1) demonstrate the effectiveness of using CO_2 to enhance the production of hydrocarbons in North Dakota reservoirs, 2) exhibit the cost-effective use of North Dakota oil reservoirs and lignite coal seams for safe storage of CO_2 , and 3) establish a means by which a carbon credit market can facilitate more recovery of oil and gas from the region.

Environmental Impacts

CO₂ is a greenhouse gas. In 2003, the Bush Administration, through the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), launched an initiative to achieve reductions in CO₂ emissions in the United States through a variety of means, including sequestration in geological formations. The establishment of CO₂ EOR

operations in North Dakota could ultimately lead to the sequestration of millions of tons of CO₂ a year into deep geological formations. With respect to local impacts from project activities, each technology validation test will be designed and implemented according to applicable state and federal regulations to ensure that the environmental impact of the project activities are minimal. MMV activities will be conducted at each technology validation test site to ensure that shallow groundwater resources and the surface environment are not significantly impacted by the injection activities.

Economic Impacts

Successful conduct of Phase II can provide tremendous economic benefit to the state of North Dakota. To date, projections made by the North Dakota Industrial Commission Oil & Gas Division (NDIC OGD) and the PCOR Partnership suggest that there are 180 million barrels of oil remaining to be recovered from the currently unitized pools in North Dakota using primary and secondary (waterflood) techniques. NDIC OGD projects that an additional 280 million barrels of oil could be recovered from these same unitized fields by using tertiary (CO₂) EOR (Lynn D. Helms, Director, NDIC OGD, personal communication, 2003). The value of 280 million barrels of oil on the current market, at \$51/barrel (Williston Basin Sweet, Plains Marketing, L.P., August 5, 2005), would exceed \$14.2 billion. The state, counties, schools, and cities of North Dakota are direct beneficiaries of oil and gas tax collections. State revenues from oil and gas in 2004 were \$95.8 million (North Dakota Petroleum Council, North Dakota Oil and Gas Industry Facts & Figures, 2005 Edition). Ultimately, monetization of carbon credits could result in additional revenues to the oil and gas industry that can be used to facilitate more production and extend the productive lives of the state's oil and gas fields.

Ultimate Technological and Economic Impacts

The results of this project will provide technical guidance to facilitate the development of existing and future opportunities to use regional CO₂ for tertiary EOR in North Dakota. Successful demonstrations of the economic viability of tertiary recovery using regional CO₂ will 1) enhance the long-term economic vitality of the Williston Basin's exploration and production companies and 2) catalyze the development and implementation of new technologies for the capture, transportation, and utilization of CO₂.

STANDARDS OF SUCCESS

The overall success of this project will be determined through the successful implementation of CO₂ enhanced recovery demonstration projects using CO₂ and subsequent commercial application of CO₂ EOR in North Dakota oil fields. The overall success is based on identifying candidate opportunities and addressing and solving the economic, technical, environmental, and regulatory concerns facing those opportunities.

BACKGROUND

Positive contributions to the Phase I efforts of the PCOR Partnership were made by North Dakota's oil and gas industry through its direct and active participation. These efforts were largely focused on characterizing the CO₂ sources and sinks in the region in order to identify the most viable opportunities for CO₂-based demonstration projects. The regional characterization activities conducted under Phase I confirmed that while there are numerous large stationary CO₂ emission sources, the region also has tremendous capacity for CO₂ sequestration. In North Dakota, large coal-fired power plants, ethanol plants, gas-processing plants, and a refinery were identified as being significant CO₂ sources. Among the region's largest CO₂ sources are coal-fired power plants located in western North Dakota that emit a total of 45 million tons of CO₂ each year. A long-term goal of the PCOR Partnership is to set the stage for the economically viable utilization of CO₂ from those power plants in EOR projects (see attached PCOR Partnership Prospectus in Appendix B).

Several sinks already considered to be capable of sequestering large volumes of CO₂ were identified in North Dakota, including oil fields, lignite coal seams, saline aquifers, and terrestrial opportunities in the grasslands and Prairie Pothole Region. CO₂-based EOR and ECBM are value-added sequestration technologies that have the potential for future large-scale deployment in the region if pilot projects demonstrate technical and economic feasibility. The specific sites at which geologic demonstrations will be conducted are discussed below.

Activities in North Dakota's Beaver Lodge oil field will result in the injection of at least 3000 tons of CO₂ for simultaneous sequestration and EOR. The project will evaluate the potential for geological

sequestration of CO₂ in a deep carbonate reservoir and the technical and economic viability of EOR. The target injection zone will be the Duperow Formation. At a depth of 10,500 feet, this will be the deepest CO₂ sequestration/EOR project ever attempted. The project will also test the accuracy with which CO₂ storage capacity can be predicted, demonstrate MMV technologies and protocols, and provide field validation testing of sequestration technologies and infrastructure. The overall potential capacity for EOR-related CO₂ storage in this oil field has been estimated at over 47 million tons.

The field validation test slated for the Zama field of Alberta, Canada, will evaluate the potential for geological sequestration of CO₂ as part of an acid gas stream that includes high concentrations of H₂S for the concurrent purposes of EOR CO₂ sequestration, and H₂S disposal. Approximately 340,000 tons of acid gas will ultimately be stored in the oil field. The project will provide insight regarding the impact of high concentrations of H₂S on sink integrity, MMV, and EOR success within a carbonate reservoir. Additionally, the Zama pinnacles are similar to some reef structures in North Dakota, and Phase I efforts identified at least two potential sources of similar acid gas streams within the Williston Basin.

Approximately 1000 tons of CO₂ will be injected into unminable portions of North Dakota's Harmon coal seam to determine its suitability for both CO₂ sequestration and coalbed methane (CBM) production. The project will determine whether long-term contact with CO₂ affects the physical stability and gas storage capacity properties of lignite and the hydrodynamic properties of the seam. In addition, the practicality and economics of using CO₂ to enhance natural gas recovery from lignite seams will be evaluated. Phase I efforts indicated that the Williston Basin coal seams have the potential to store 379 million tons of CO₂. With respect to potential CBM reserves, preliminary estimates based on unpublished data indicate that it is conceivable that there may be as much as 1.1 Tcf of recoverable natural gas in the Harmon lignite of North Dakota. While the nature of this estimate is somewhat speculative and is highly debatable, it does speak to the potential gas resource that may lie untapped within the low-rank coals of North Dakota, and it is the absence of robust data that makes such estimates extremely uncertain. The gas resource assessment data that will be generated by the proposed project will

reduce speculation on that potential resource and could lead to the addition of the Williston Basin to the nation's list of large frontier gas plays.

QUALIFICATIONS

The EERC is a research facility that operates as a business unit of UND. The EERC currently has an annual budget of \$20.4 million and has worked with over 800 clients in all 50 states and in 47 countries. The EERC has a multidisciplinary staff of more than 270 that has expertise and partnerships in a broad spectrum of energy and environmental programs, including many related to the oil and gas industry. The EERC has the proven ability to develop and lead multiyear, multidisciplinary, multiclient programs, including many public—private and stakeholder-based partnerships as exhibited by the success of the PCOR Partnership Phase I.

Key personnel for the PCOR Partnership Phase II activities include select administrative and technical staff from all of the PCOR Partnership research partners, representing a broad range of scientific and engineering disciplines and real-world experience. Indeed, the success of Phase I was due to the commitment of our industry partners who are even more critical to the success of Phase II. Relevant EERC expertise includes project management; data management and GIS programming; geological characterization and assessment; permitting and regulation compliance; and public outreach. The PCOR Partnership members bring technical expertise in sources, systems, permitting and regulations, transportation, reservoir engineering, EOR, CO₂ sequestration (including value-added applications), and outreach.

VALUE TO NORTH DAKOTA

Successful conduct of the PCOR Partnership Phase II activities can provide tremendous economic benefit to the state of North Dakota. The project will develop the information needed to encourage CO₂ EOR and ECBM in North Dakota. NDIC OGD projects that 280 million barrels of incremental oil could be recovered in currently unitized fields through the use of CO₂ EOR (Lynn D. Helms, Director, NDIC OGD personal communication, 2003). The value of 280 million barrels of oil on the current market, at \$51/barrel (Williston Basin Sweet, Plains Marketing, L.P., August 5, 2005) would exceed \$14.2 billion.

Activity of such magnitude would result in increased employment opportunities and tax revenues for the citizens of North Dakota and extend the productive lives of key existing North Dakota oil fields by up to 30 years.

MANAGEMENT

Mr. Ed Steadman, EERC Senior Research Advisor, will serve as Project Manager of the Phase II PCOR Partnership. He will have overall responsibility for the contract and will interface regularly with the PCOR Partnership Partners, principal investigators, and EERC senior management. He will be responsible for regular reporting to OGRC program management and timely dissemination of information to other project partners. Other members of the project management team will include Mr. John Harju, EERC Associate Director for Research, and Mr. James Sorensen, EERC Senior Research Manager. The project management team will focus on providing timely completion of milestones; timely, high-quality deliverables; and effective communication between the PCOR Partnership and OGRC. Regular project review meetings (annual or as otherwise directed) between representatives of the PCOR Partnership and OGRC will be scheduled.

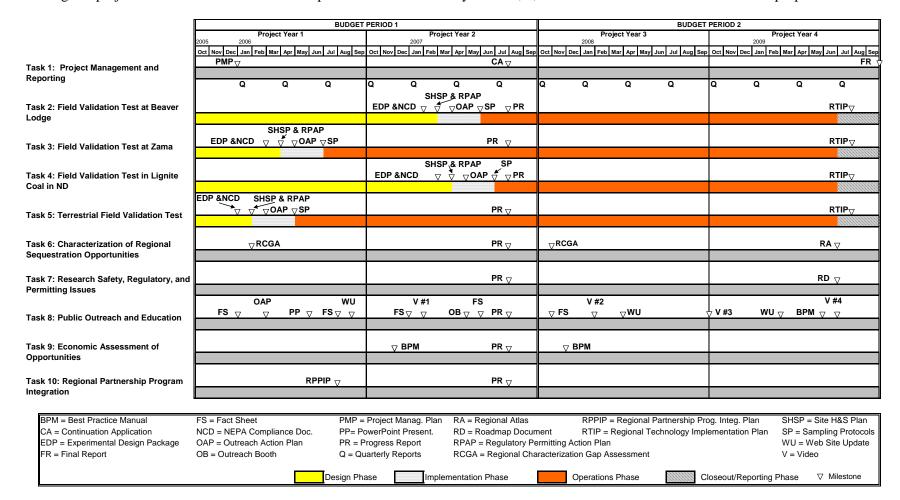
BUDGET

The EERC is requesting \$500,000 from OGRC for PCOR Phase II. Additional cost share of \$20,987,892 is shown on page 15.

The total project budget is necessary to adequately address the concerns surrounding the use of CO₂ for EOR in North Dakota. The level of OGRC funding is critical to adequately represent the perspective of the North Dakota oil industry in this project. Funding of a lesser amount is inadequate to demonstrate a serious commitment to considering the use of regional CO₂ resources for tertiary EOR projects in North Dakota. In funding Phase II of the PCOR Partnership, DOE assumes the OGRC will monetarily support the program as outlined in a letter from OGRC to the EERC (see Appendix A). The scope of work developed for overall project funding assumes funding is received from OGRC. A detailed budget is provided in Appendix C.

TIMETABLE

The following is a project schedule for PCOR Partnership Phase II activities. Only Tasks 2, 3, and 4 are discussed in detail within this proposal.



MATCHING FUNDS

Matching funds being provided to the PCOR Partnership Phase II program are listed below.

		Ca	sh Cost Share					Grand Total			
Organization	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total	
US DOE	\$2,300,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$14,300,000						\$14,300,000
NDIC-LRC	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$720,000						\$720,000
NDIC-OGRC	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$500,000				-		\$500,000
Excelsior	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$95,000						\$95,000
Great River Energy	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$60,000				İ		\$60,000
Otter Tail Power	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$60,000				İ		\$60,000
SaskPower	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$60,000						\$60,000
Xcel Energy	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$60,000						\$60,000
Great Northern Power	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$60,000				-		\$60,000
NDIC-OGD						\$38,375	\$38,599	\$39,645	\$40,689	\$157,308	\$157,308
NDGS						\$34,532	\$34,571	\$35,493	\$36,414	\$141,010	\$141,010
PPTV						\$74,500	\$77,338	\$74,500	\$49,850	\$276,188	\$276,188
NDSU						\$12,478	\$18,711	\$18,711	\$18,711	\$68,611	\$68,611
Ducks Unlimited						\$44,800	\$53,323	\$55,462	\$47,174	\$200,759	\$200,759
EUB						\$153,486	\$146,662	\$143,561	\$127,339	\$571,048	\$571,048
Apache Canada						\$263,056	\$1,098,094	\$1,086,614	\$710,204	\$3,157,968	\$3,157,968
Amerada Hess						\$150,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$150,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$2,695,000	\$4,430,000	\$4,395,000	\$4,395,000	\$15,915,000	\$771,227	\$1,817,298	\$1,803,986	\$1,180,381	\$5,572,892	\$21,487,892

TAX LIABILITY

The EERC—a research organization within UND, which is an institution of higher education within the state of North Dakota—is not a taxable entity.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

No confidential information is included in this proposal.

PATENTS AND RIGHTS TO TECHNICAL DATA

It is anticipated that no patents will be generated by PCOR Partnership Phase II activities. The rights to the technical data generated by this project will be held jointly by the EERC and the sponsoring partners.

APPENDIX A

NDIC PCOR PARTNERSHIP PHASE II LETTER OF SUPPORT



INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA OIL AND GAS RESEARCH COUNCIL

Governor John Hoeven Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson

February 18, 2005

John Harju Associate Director for Research Energy & Environmental Research Center P.O. Box 9018 Grand Forks, North Dakota 58202

Subject: Proposal entitled "The Plains CO2 Reduction Partnership (PCORP) Phase II"

Dear John:

This letter is in response to your request for participation in the proposed Energy & Environmental Research Center project entitled "The Plains CO2 Reduction Partnership (PCORP) Phase II" submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy, Solicitation DE-PS26-05NT42255, "Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnerships - Phase II.

The Oil & Gas Research Program of the North Dakota Industrial Commission is committed to the growth of the oil and gas industry through research and education. The activities conducted by the PCOR Partnership have been consistent with our efforts to encourage and promote the wise and efficient stewardship of the state's resources and educating the general public concerning the importance of the state oil and gas exploration and production industry. Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) using CO2 flooding is a prime example of an environmentally sound exploration and production technology. The activities proposed in the PCOR Partnership Phase II proposal, including EOR demonstration and outreach and education, are important to our mission.

This letter of support and potential funding of up to \$125,000 per year for the 4 year program from the Oil and Gas Research Program is subject to submission of a proposal by the Energy & Environmental Research Center at the University of North Dakota. Oil and Gas Research Program funding is also subject to submission of a proposal that meets Program guidelines, a funding recommendation by the Oil and Gas Research Council and approval by the North Dakota Industrial Commission.

I believe that research programs of this type will provide the information needed to ensure a prosperous and environmentally sound future for North Dakota. We are proud to partner with the Energy and Environmental Research Center on this project.

Sincerely,

Wayne Biberdorf

Chairman

North Dakota Oil & Gas Research Council

cc: Karlene Fine, Executive Director and Secretary, North Dakota Industrial Commission

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Al Anderson, Vice Chairman



APPENDIX B PCOR PARTNERSHIP PHASE II PROSPECTUS





U **N**⊘ North Dakota

Plains CO₂ Reduction (PCOR) Partnership

Practical, Environmentally Sound CO, Sequestration

Phase II Prospectus What Is the PCOR Partnership?

he PCOR (Plains CO₂ Reduction) Partnership is a diverse group of public and private sector stakeholders working together to better understand the technical and economic feasibility of capturing and storing CO₂ emissions from stationary sources of CO₂ in the central interior of North America. The PCOR Partnership is managed by the Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC) at the University of North Dakota and is one of seven regional partnerships funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership Program and a broad range of project sponsors.

Phase I activities will be completed in September 2005. On June 9, 2005, the EERC was awarded a contract for Phase II, which will begin in October 2005. Phase II is a 4-year program focused on demonstration and validation of promising CO₂ sequestration opportunities in our region. The total value of Phase II is currently over \$21.5 million, with two-thirds of that funding coming from DOE and the balance contributed by industry and other nonfederal partners. The EERC is currently seeking additional partners for Phase II.

What Has the PCOR Partnership Accomplished in Phase I?

The Partnership has assessed and prioritized the opportunities for sequestration in the region and helped to resolve the technical, regulatory, and environmental barriers to the most promising sequestration opportunities. At the same time, the Partnership has informed policy makers and the public regarding CO_2 sources, sequestration strategies, and sequestration opportunities. The following products are now being completed:

- A comprehensive regional assessment of CO₂ sources and sinks.
- The development of the PCOR Partnership Decision Support System (DSS), a geographic information system (GIS)-based database trust providing our sponsors with a tool to evaluate CO₂ sequestration opportunities in the PCOR Partnership region.
- Identification, ranking, and action plans for promising sequestration demonstration projects.
- Key GIS products for CO₂ sources and sinks, infrastructure, and regulatory issues.
- Recommendations for monitoring and verification systems.



PCOR Partnership Region

 Outreach materials including fact sheets on key regional sequestration topics, a Web site, and a 30-minute informational video.

"Joining the Plains [CO₂ Reduction] Partnership is an approach that will dovetail nicely with our own carbon management policy and other carbon sequestration projects."

-Xcel Energy Chairman and CEO Wayne Brunetti

Who Is Involved in the PCOR Partnership?

The PCOR Partnership includes many public and private sector stakeholders from the region and elsewhere that represent expertise in agriculture, forestry, economics, energy exploration and production, geology, engineering, and the environment. Our partners provide technical services to the PCOR Partnership by providing data, guidance, and practical experience with direct and indirect sequestration, including value-added projects. PCOR Partnership partners include the following:

- U.S. Department of Energy
- University of North Dakota Energy & Environmental Research Center



- Alberta Department of Environment
- Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
- Alberta Energy Research Institute
- Amerada Hess Corporation
- Apache Canada Ltd.
- Basin Electric Power Cooperative
- Bechtel Corporation
- Center for Energy and Economic Development (CEED)
- Chicago Climate Exchange
- Dakota Gasification Company
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
- Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
- Eagle Operating, Inc.
- Eastern Iowa Community College District
- Encore Acquisition Company
- Environment Canada
- Excelsior Energy Inc.
- Fischer Oil and Gas, Inc.
- Great Northern Power Development, L.P.
- Great River Energy
- Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission
- Iowa Department of Natural Resources Iowa Geological Survey
- Kiewit Mining Group Inc.
- Lignite Energy Council
- Manitoba Hydro
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Minnesota Power
- Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
- Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
- Montana Department of Environmental Quality
- Montana Public Service Commission
- Natural Resources Canada
- Nexant, Inc.
- North Dakota Department of Health
- North Dakota Geological Survey
- North Dakota Industrial Commission Lignite Research, Development and Marketing Program
- North Dakota Industrial Commission Oil and Gas Division
- North Dakota Industrial Commission Oil and Gas Research Council
- North Dakota Natural Resources Trust
- North Dakota Petroleum Council
- North Dakota State University
- Otter Tail Power Company
- Petroleum Technology Research Centre
- Petroleum Technology Transfer Council
- Prairie Public Television
- Saskatchewan Industry and Resources
- SaskPower
- Tesoro Refinery (Mandan)
- University of Regina
- U.S. Geological Survey Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center
- Western Governors' Association
- Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
- Xcel Energy

PCOR Partnership Phase II Goals and Objectives

The overall goal of PCOR Partnership Phase II is to validate technologies and identify locations in the partnership region that can support future full-scale geological and terrestrial sequestration opportunities. The PCOR Partnership will accomplish this goal by:

- Continuing to assess regional carbon sequestration opportunities.
- Developing field projects.
- Evaluating the feasibility of commercial-scale selected carbon sequestration technologies.
- Assessing sink capacity permanence, economics, risk, public acceptance, and societal and monetary cobenefits.
- Providing outreach and education for CO₂ sequestration stakeholders and the general public.

We anticipate the development of one terrestrial sequestration field trial and two or more geologic field trials in Phase II. Our Phase II partners will have a voice in determining the direction of the PCOR Partnership and early access to the results of the program. Participation in Phase II will also provide partners with unique opportunities to develop working relationships with stakeholders that represent a diverse cross-section of CO₂ producers, end users, and regulators. Specifically, one of the goals of the PCOR Partnership is to broker working relationships between industries that generate CO₂, those that can use it for value-added sequestration activities such as enhanced oil recovery, and the government agencies that oversee such activities.

Field projects and their respective key partners include:

- Injection of acid gas into a depleted oil reservoir in Alberta, Canada, for acid gas disposal, enhanced oil recovery, and carbon sequestration.
- Injection of CO₂ into a deep carbonate reservoir in North Dakota for enhanced oil recovery and carbon sequestration.
- Injection of CO₂ into a lignite coal seam for enhanced methane production and carbon sequestration.
- Restoration of prairie pothole wetlands for carbon sequestration.



How can you be involved in Phase II? We are currently seeking additional partners interested in PCOR Partnership Phase II activities. To learn more, contact:

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APPENDIX C BUDGET

SUMMARY BUDGET - ALL YEARS

PLAINS CO2 REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP - PHASE II

DOE

PROPOSED START DATE: OCT 1, 2005

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	TOTAL				OGRC SHARE	OT		R COST HARE		DOE SHARE		
CATEGORY	HRS	OIA	\$COST	HRS	\$COST	HRS	\$COST		HRS	31	\$COST	
TOTAL DIRECT LABOR	104,787	\$	3,778,183	3,327	\$ 109,906	7,373	\$	243,530	94,087	\$	3,424,747	
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS		\$	1,867,578		\$ 54,954		\$	120,568		\$	1,692,056	
TOTAL LABOR		\$	5,645,761		\$ 164,860		\$	364,098		\$	5,116,803	
OTHER DIRECT COSTS												
TRAVEL		\$	464,050		\$ -		\$	-		\$	464,050	
COMMUNICATION - PHONES & POSTAGE OFFICE (PROJECT SPECIFIC SUPPLIES)		\$ \$	22,929 35,065		\$ 551 \$ 805		\$ \$	1,321 1,789		\$ \$	21,057 32,471	
SUPPLIES		\$ \$	157,930		\$ 10,936		\$	26,064		\$	120,930	
GENERAL (FREIGHT, FOOD, MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.)		\$	11,569		\$ 155		\$	345		\$	11,069	
FEES		\$	5,869,825		\$ 143,205		\$	321,127		\$	5,405,493	
TOTAL OTHER DIRECT COST		\$	6,561,368		\$ 155,652		\$	350,646		\$	6,055,070	
TOTAL DIRECT COST		\$	12,207,129		\$ 320,512		\$	714,744		\$	11,171,873	
FACILITIES & ADMIN. RATE - % OF MTDC	VAR	\$	3,707,871	56%	\$ 179,488	56%	\$	400,256	46.5%	\$	3,128,127	
TOTAL CASH		\$	15,915,000		\$ 500,000		\$	1,115,000		\$	14,300,000	
IN-KIND SUPPORT - SEE COST SHARE SUMMARY		\$	5,572,892		\$ -		\$:	5,572,892		\$		
TOTAL PROJECT		\$	21,487,892		\$ 500,000		\$	6,687,892		\$	14,300,000	

NOTE: Due to limitations within the University's accounting system, the system does not provide for accumulating and reporting expenses at the Detailed Budget level. The Summary Budget is presented for the purpose of how we propose, account, and report expenses. The Detailed Budget is presented to assist in the evaluation of the proposal.

DETAILED BUDGET - YEAR ONE

PLAINS CO_2 REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP - PHASE II

DOE
PROPOSED START DATE: OCT 1, 2005
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LABOR CATEGORY		HOURLY	TOTAL YEAR ONE			OGRC SHARE			OTHER COST SHARE			DOE SHARE			
		RATE	HRS		OST	HRS		OST	HRS		COST	HRS		OST	
TOTAL DIRECT LA	ABOR			\$	768,282		\$	36,424		\$	78,609		\$	653,249	
TOTAL FRINGE BI	ENEFITS			\$	380,356	•	\$	18,212		\$	39,304		\$	322,840	
TOTAL LABOR				\$	1,148,638		\$	54,636		\$	117,913		\$	976,089	
OTHER DIRECT O	COSTS														
TRAVEL				\$	107,135		\$	-		\$	-		\$	107,135	
	N - PHONES & POSTAGE			\$	4,322		\$	142		\$	408		\$	3,772	
	SPECIFIC SUPPLIES)			\$	5,826		\$	207		\$	447		\$	5,172	
SUPPLIES	UT FOOD ATTACKED SUITS FEE			\$	21,650		\$	-		\$	-		\$	21,650	
,	HT, FOOD, MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.) RIALS ANALYTICAL RES. LAB.			\$	4,050		\$ \$	-		\$ \$	-		\$ \$	4,050	
GC/MS LABORATO				ą.	77,770			24,611		\$	53,159		\$	-	
OUTSIDE LABS	SK1			φ.	77,770		\$	24,011		\$	33,139		\$	-	
GRAPHICS SUPPO	RT			\$	23,283		\$	532		\$	1,150		\$	21,601	
SUBCONTRACT - 1				\$	10,000		\$	332		\$	- 1,150		\$	10,000	
SUBCONTRACT - 1				\$	79,989		\$	_		\$	_		\$	79,989	
	DUCKS UNLIMITED			\$	50,719		\$	_		\$	_		\$	50,719	
SUBCONTRACT - I	PRAIRIE PUBLIC TV			\$	74,031		\$	_		\$	_		\$	74,031	
SUBCONTRACT -	ALBERTA EUB			\$	100,000		\$	-		\$	-		\$	100,000	
SUBCONTRACT - I	NDSU			\$	49,913		\$	-		\$	-		\$	49,913	
SUBCONTRACT - I	FISCHER OIL & GAS			\$	100,000		\$	-		\$	-		\$	100,000	
SUBCONTRACT -	UNSPECIFIED (MMV work)			\$	80,000	,	\$	-		\$	-		\$	80,000	
TOTAL OTHER D	IRECT COST			\$	788,688		\$	25,492		\$	55,164		\$	708,032	
TOTAL DIRECT O	COST			\$	1,937,326		\$	80,128		\$	173,077		\$	1,684,121	
FACILITIES & AD	OMIN. RATE - % OF MTDC		VAF	R_\$_	757,674	56%	\$	44,872	•	\$	96,923	46.5%	\$	615,879	
TOTAL CASH				\$	2,695,000		\$ 1	25,000		\$	270,000		\$	2,300,000	
IN-KIND SUPPOR	T - SEE COST SHARE SUMMARY			\$	771,227		\$	-	•	\$	771,227		\$		
TOTAL PROJECT				\$	3,466,227		\$ 1	25,000		\$	1,041,227		\$	2,300,000	

DETAILED BUDGET - YEAR TWO

PLAINS CO2 REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP - PHASE II DOE PROPOSED START DATE: OCT 1, 2005 EERC PROPOSAL #2006-0037

			TOTAL					OGRC			COST	DOE			
* . non	T I DOD GIFTGODY	HOURLY		AR T			IAF			IARI			ARE		
LABOR	LABOR CATEGORY	RATE	HRS	\$C	OST	HRS	\$0	COST	HRS	\$0	COST	HRS	\$C	OST	
TOTAL DIRECT LA	BOR			\$	892,540		\$	21,290		\$	51,817		\$	819,433	
				_			_			_			_		
TOTAL FRINGE BE	NEFITS			\$	440,805	•	\$	10,645		\$	25,909	-	\$	404,251	
TOTAL LABOR				\$	1,333,345		\$	31,935		\$	77,726		\$	1,223,684	
OTHER DIRECT C	COSTS														
TRAVEL				\$	120,370		\$	-		\$	-		\$	120,370	
COMMUNICATION	I - PHONES & POSTAGE			\$	5,986		\$	115		\$	279		\$	5,592	
OFFICE (PROJECT	SPECIFIC SUPPLIES)			\$	9,223		\$	174		\$	426		\$	8,623	
SUPPLIES				\$	85,070		\$	8,721		\$	21,279		\$	55,070	
,	IT, FOOD, MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.)			\$	2,633		\$	29		\$	71		\$	2,533	
	IALS ANALYTICAL RES. LAB.			\$	38,160		\$	3,710		\$	9,052		\$	25,398	
GC/MS LABORATO	ORY			\$	83,104		\$	12,022		\$	29,530		\$	41,552	
OUTSIDE LABS				\$	225,000		\$	23,256		\$	56,744		\$	145,000	
GRAPHICS SUPPOR				\$	24,645		\$	166		\$	406		\$	24,073	
SUBCONTRACT - N				\$	50,000		\$	-		\$	-		\$	50,000	
SUBCONTRACT - U				\$	151,487		\$	-		\$	-		\$	151,487	
	DUCKS UNLIMITED			\$	830,677		\$	-		\$	-		\$	830,677	
	PRAIRIE PUBLIC TV			\$	105,992		\$	-		\$	-		\$	105,992	
SUBCONTRACT - A				\$	100,000		\$	-		\$	-		\$	100,000	
SUBCONTRACT - N				\$	74,842		\$	-		\$	-		\$	74,842	
	FISCHER OIL & GAS			\$	100,000		\$	-		\$	-		\$	100,000	
SUBCONTRACT - U	JNSPECIFIED			\$	160,000	•	\$			\$		•	\$	160,000	
TOTAL OTHER DI	RECT COST			\$	2,167,189		\$	48,193		\$	117,787		\$	2,001,209	
TOTAL DIRECT C	OST			\$	3,500,534		\$	80,128		\$	195,513		\$	3,224,893	
FACILITIES & AD	MIN. RATE - % OF MTDC		VAR	\$_\$_	929,466	56%	\$	44,872		\$	109,487	46.5%	\$	775,107	
TOTAL CASH				\$	4,430,000		\$	125,000		\$	305,000		\$	4,000,000	
IN-KIND SUPPORT	Γ - SEE COST SHARE SUMMARY			\$	1,817,298		\$	-		\$	1,817,298		\$	-	
TOTAL PROJECT				\$	6,247,298		\$	125,000		\$ 2	2,122,298		\$	4,000,000	

DETAILED BUDGET - YEAR THREE

PLAINS CO2 REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP - PHASE II DOE PROPOSED START DATE: OCT 1, 2005 EERC PROPOSAL #2006-0037

		*********	TOTA		OG			COST	DOE SHARE			
LABOR	LABOR CATECORY	HOURLY RATE		HREE COST	SHA HRS	SCOST	HRS	HARI	COST	HRS		COST
LABUR	LABOR CATEGORY	KAIE	HKS 3	COSI	HKS	\$0051	HKS	\$C	.051	нкэ	ş(081
TOTAL DIRECT	LABOR		\$	958,800		\$ 23,843		\$	51,903		\$	883,054
TOTAL FRINGE	BENEFITS		\$	474,201		\$ 11,922	<u>-</u> -	\$	25,842		\$	436,437
TOTAL LABOR			\$	1,433,001		\$ 35,765		\$	77,745		\$	1,319,491
OTHER DIRECT	COSTS											
TRAVEL			\$			\$ -		\$	-		\$	120,370
COMMUNICATIO	ON - PHONES & POSTAGE		\$			\$ 95		\$	205		\$	5,020
	T SPECIFIC SUPPLIES)		\$			\$ 225		\$	485		\$	8,126
SUPPLIES			\$,		\$ 2,057		\$	4,443		\$	32,700
	GHT, FOOD, MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.)		\$,		\$ 63		\$	137		\$	2,153
	ERIALS ANALYTICAL RES. LAB.		\$,		\$ 4,018		\$	8,678		\$	25,599
GC/MS LABORA	TORY		\$,		\$ 14,171		\$	30,118		\$	44,289
OUTSIDE LABS	· opm		\$	- ,		\$ 23,734		\$	51,266		\$	150,000
GRAPHICS SUPP			\$,		\$ -		\$	-		\$	33,247
SUBCONTRACT SUBCONTRACT			\$			\$ - \$ -		\$	-		\$ \$	50,000
	- USGS - DUCKS UNLIMITED		\$			s -		\$ \$	-		\$	154,653 735,915
	- PRAIRIE PUBLIC TV		3			s -		\$ \$	-		\$	74,031
SUBCONTRACT			3	. ,		s -		\$	-		\$	100,000
SUBCONTRACT			4 9	,		s -		\$	-		\$	74,842
	- FISCHER OIL & GAS		§			\$ -		\$	-		\$	100,000
SUBCONTRACT			9	,		\$ -		\$	-		\$	160,000
TOTAL OTHER			9		•	\$ 44,363	_	\$	95,332	•	s	1,870,945
TOTAL OTHER	DIRECT COST		_4	2,010,040	-	\$ 44,303	-	Ф.	93,332	•	φ	1,070,943
TOTAL DIRECT	COST		\$	3,443,641		\$ 80,128		\$	173,077		\$	3,190,436
FACILITIES & A	ADMIN. RATE - % OF MTDC		VAR_\$	951,359	56%	\$ 44,872	_	\$	96,923	46.5%	\$	809,564
TOTAL CASH			\$	4,395,000		\$ 125,000		\$	270,000		\$	4,000,000
IN-KIND SUPPO	RT - SEE COST SHARE TABLE		\$	1,803,986		\$ -	_	\$	1,803,986		\$	
TOTAL PROJEC	CT		\$	6,198,986		\$ 125,000		\$ 2	2,073,986		\$	4,000,000

DETAILED BUDGET - YEAR FOUR

PLAINS CO2 REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP - PHASE II DOE PROPOSED START DATE: OCT 1, 2005 EERC PROPOSAL #2006-0037

			TOTAL	,		GRC	ОТН	COST	DOE			
Tinon dimension		HOURLY				ARE	SHARE				ARE	
LABOR	LABOR CATEGORY	RATE	HRS \$C	OST	HRS	\$COST	HRS	\$0	COST	HRS	\$C	OST
TOTAL DIRECT L	ABOR		\$	1,158,561		\$ 28,349		\$	61,201		\$	1,069,011
TOTAL FRINGE B	BENEFITS		\$	572,216	-	\$ 14,175	-	\$	29,513	•	\$	528,528
TOTAL LABOR			\$	1,730,777		\$ 42,524		\$	90,714		\$	1,597,539
OTHER DIRECT	COSTS											
TRAVEL			\$	116,175		\$ -		\$	-		\$	116,175
	N - PHONES & POSTAGE		\$	7,301		\$ 199		\$	429		\$	6,673
	Γ SPECIFIC SUPPLIES)		\$	11,180		\$ 199		\$	431		\$	10,550
SUPPLIES	THE FOOD MEMORINA PRO		\$	12,010		\$ 158		\$	342		\$	11,510
	GHT, FOOD, MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.)		\$	2,533		\$ 63		\$	137		\$	2,333
	RIALS ANALYTICAL RES. LAB.		\$ \$	38,976		\$ 4,104		\$	8,865		\$ \$	26,007
GC/MS LABORAT	ORY		-	95,816		\$ 14,801		\$	33,107		-	47,908
OUTSIDE LABS	OD#		\$	162,000		\$ 17,089 \$ 991		\$	36,911		\$	108,000
GRAPHICS SUPPO SUBCONTRACT -			\$ \$	46,226 50,000		\$ 991 \$ -		\$ \$	2,141		\$ \$	43,094 50,000
SUBCONTRACT -			\$	125,107		\$ -		\$	-		\$	125,107
	DUCKS UNLIMITED		\$	332,530		\$ -		\$	-		\$	332,530
	PRAIRIE PUBLIC TV		\$	60,155		\$ -		\$	-		\$	60,155
SUBCONTRACT -			\$	100,000		\$ -		\$			\$	100,000
SUBCONTRACT -			\$	74,842		\$ -		\$			\$	74,842
	FISCHER OIL & GAS		\$	100,000		\$ -		\$	_		\$	100,000
SUBCONTRACT -			\$	260,000	_	\$ -	-	\$	-	•	\$	260,000
TOTAL OTHER I	DIRECT COST		\$	1,594,851		\$ 37,604		\$	82,363		\$	1,474,884
TOTAL DIRECT	COST		\$	3,325,628		\$ 80,128		\$	173,077		\$	3,072,423
FACILITIES & A	DMIN. RATE - % OF MTDC		VAR_\$	1,069,372	56%	\$ 44,872	56%	\$	96,923	46.5%	\$	927,577
TOTAL CASH			\$	4,395,000		\$ 125,000		\$	270,000		\$	4,000,000
IN-KIND SUPPOR	RT - SEE COST SHARE SUPPORT		\$	1,180,381	-	\$ -		\$ 1	1,180,381	•	\$	
TOTAL PROJEC	г		\$	5,575,381		\$ 125,000		\$ 1	1,450,381		\$	4,000,000