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Lawrence County Commission
90 Sherman Street
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Dear Lawrence County Commissioners:

This letter is in support of the Coeur Wharf application for expansion of their operations in Lawrence County.

In 2020, Black Hills Energy partnered with Coeur Wharf for the Renewable Ready project. Through the program, Wharf will receive approximately 48% of their mining electricity from a renewable resource for the next 8 years, and 100% of water treatment energy for 25 years. Alongside Renewable Ready, Wharf's Sustainability Fund contributes an additional \$50,000 dollars to sustainability projects in the Black Hills each year.

Coeur Wharf is a trusted community partner that consistently demonstrates their commitment to Lawrence County residents through philanthropy, sponsorships, and ongoing partnerships in excess of \$150,000 annually. One example of this commitment is their donation of employee time and involvement in local projects and contributions to organizations like the United Way of the Black Hills, which in turn benefits over fifty non-profit organizations across the region.

Black Hills Energy supports this application as it will allow Coeur Wharf to continue to operate as a steadfast employer and community partner in Lawrence County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc Eyre', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Black Hills Energy, South Dakota Electric