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Brad Lawrence  
Public Works Director  
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Dear Brad:

On behalf of all of us here in the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to you and the City of Fort Pierre, and specifically Vern Thorson and Joey Montana, for assisting Perkins County Rural Water and the City of Bison to restore water service last week.

As you are well aware, restoring potable water service to customers is critical. It was great to see the resources provided through the South Dakota Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (SDWARN) work as it was intended. As the SDWARN Facilitator, you and your drinking water team are demonstrating how "utilities helping utilities" in South Dakota truly make a difference.

Please extend our gratitude to Vern and Joey and, again, THANK YOU!!

Sincerely,

Steven M. Pirner, PE  
Secretary

cc: Honorable Sam Tidball, Mayor of Ft. Pierre  
Mark Mayer, DENR Drinking Water Program

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