

**R001-I**  
**“Feasibility Study of a Biomass Supply for the Spiritwood Industrial Park”**  
**Submitted by Great River Energy with 5 Other Co-applicants**  
**Principal Investigator: Sandra Broekeme**  
**Request for \$109,000; Total Project Costs \$534,000**

**Technical Advisor’s comments:**

- Both reviewers recommend funding
- The cash match (\$125,000) is more than adequate to meet program policies.
- The total match (\$425,000) is quite large compared to the requested funding.
- The project has the potential to benefit a broad spectrum of stakeholders.
- There appears to be some doubt as to the firmness of the matching dollars.
- In response to the reviewers’ comments, the applicant has submitted a commitment letter from Great River Energy, a reference list of applicable research literature, a detailed milestone chart, and biographies of the key investigators.
- Commitment letters for the proposed matching funding from the ND Natural Resources Trust/Bush Foundation and the Great Plains Institute/Joyce Foundation were not included in the submittal.

**Technical Advisor’s recommendation:**

Technical Advisor recommends approval contingent upon receiving documentation of firm availability of matching funds as set forth in REC Policy Section 3.02. Also, since applicant has requested confidentiality for some reporting information, they should have a requirement to prepare a version of the final report including as much information as possible which can be released to the general public without any confidential items.