the City of Hardin

EXHIBIT 6
DATE 2-7-05
HB 499

406 NORTH CHEYENNE
HARDIN, MONTANA 59034

February 4, 2005

To: Veronica Small-Eastman and her Honorable Colleagues of the Montana House of Representatives.

RE: House Bill 499

Dear Veronica,

It is very exciting for me as the Mayor of Hardin and a citizen of Big Horn County to know that you're sponsoring House bill 499 which would enable us to minimize the impact on roads that will get the coal from the mine to the power plant.

This is truly a very exciting time for our area of Montana. Along with the Power Plant, which should be in operation by November or December of this year, we are anticipating with realistic hope the arrival of an ethanol plant as well as a Detention Facility. If all three projects come to fruition, it would mean upwards of two hundred jobs. Hopefully this will help reduce the double-digit unemployment figures that were a hold on Big Horn County for years.

Further into the future we will be looking for new businesses to fill our newly established 700-acre Industrial site.

I want to thank you for your interest in Big Horn County and express gratitude in advance for funding that may come our way.

Sincerely,

Ron Adams

Mayor Ron Adams
Hardin, Mt. 59034