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Mr. Keith Blum
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Minnesota Power Boswell Plant Unit 3 Pile Installation Work

Dear Keith,

I got confirmation from the field that production pile installation was completed yesterday for the Unit 3 work at the Cohasset project. A total of 1902 piles were installed in 90 production days, with a total installed length of 121,063 feet.

Thank you for all of the Berkel efforts and assistance in completing this portion of the project. I know that as a contractor, what "you do" is pile installation. And you do what is needed to complete the project. However, I can tell you from experience on many other projects, that working with a contractor that is professional, helpful and easy to talk with is so much more enjoyable than dealing with one that is not. You and the others at Berkel have been all of that, and more on this project.

In particular, thanks for addressing our questions and concerns during the development of the auger cast displacement discussions. I know that you and Willie spent a bit of time working with us when you had other projects and commitments. The commitment to a tight mobilization and start of production schedule was significant in making the auger cast displacement pile concept work with us and the client. Morgan was very helpful during the load testing program, and in answering questions afterwards. The development of user friendly installation criteria that was based on good site data was important. Morgan got this done. And as we've discussed on several occasions, George was exceptional. I don't know how else to describe what George did. I do know that George, Kenny, and the rest of your crew worked well with Bill Stejskal with Minnesota Power and Jack Wagner with Braun, the main on-site people associated with the pile production.

Again, thank you for all of your efforts in getting this project started and completed. I look forward to working with you on projects in the future.

Sincerely,
Burns & McDonnell



Pete Burton, P.E.