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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Small Renewable Power Rate

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen;

Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("Rushmore") makes this filing on behalf of its following South Dakota members:

Black Hills Electric Cooperative

Butte Electric Cooperative

Cam Wal Electric Cooperative

Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative

Lacreek Electric Association

Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative

West Central Electric Cooperative

West River Electric Association

Senate Bill 61, passed during the 2010 Legislative Session, requires each electric utility to file with the Commission its minimum rate for purchases of electricity generated by a small renewable power facility with a capacity of one hundred kilowatts or less.

For a qualifying customer-owned small renewable power facility, Rushmore's members would generally pay the avoided cost, subject to certain adjustments, as calculated by Basin Electric Power Cooperative, our supplemental wholesale power supplier. These rates are different depending on which power grid the customer is connected to. The minimum avoided cost rates for 2019 by grid are:

Western Interconnect - \$0.0131 per kwh

Southwest Power Pool Interconnection - \$0.023 per kwh

Interested individuals should contact their local electric cooperative for more information. Any rates are subject to change.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vic Simmons
CEO & General Manager
Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative