

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

In The Matter Of The Complaint by Prelude,)	
L.L.C. Against Basin Electric Power)	EL 14-042
Cooperative And Its Various Cooperative)	
Members For Refusing To Provide Actual)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Avoided Costs For Wind Farms And)	
Otherwise Refusing To Enter Into QF Power)	
Purchase Agreements With Prelude, L.L.C.)	

COMES NOW the South Dakota Electric Utility Companies, by and through its attorneys and moves the Commission for leave to intervene in the above captioned docket.

The South Dakota Electric Utility Companies is a trade group of investor owned utilities serving customers in South Dakota. Members include Black Hills Power, MidAmerican Energy, Montana-Dakota Utilities, NorthWestern Energy, Otter Tail Power Company and Xcel Energy. The member utilities each have faced or could face petitioners similarly situated to the Complainant in this case, and have an interest in matters involving the forced sale of energy to distribution companies in South Dakota.


In support of its Motion, Petitioner states that the Complainant filed a lengthy complaint with a number of factual allegations. While the facts of this case are of some concern in prompting the proposed intervention, the larger concern is found in the Complainant's prayer for relief which appears to seek to expand the relief requested past that which would be between the Complainant and the Respondents and broaden it to matters involving the membership of the South Dakota Electric Utility Companies. The prayer for relief appears to seek legislative action from the Commission regarding tariffs and purchases and sales under PURPA. To that extent, we seek intervention.

WHEREAS the Movant requests that the Commission make its order granting intervention to the South Dakota Electric Utility Companies.

Dated this 23 day of May, 2014.

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