

Leah Mohr, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capital Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capital Ave.
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

RE: Notice of Intent to Construct, Own, and Maintain Southwest Power Pool Network
Upgrades – Laramie River-New Underwood 345 kV CKt1 New Line
Docket No. EL25-

Dear Ms. Mohr,

Pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws 49-32-20, Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (“WMMPA”), an incumbent electric transmission owner in the State of South Dakota and acting by and through its administrative agent Missouri River Energy Services (“MRES”), respectfully submits this notice to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) that WMMPA intends to construct, own, and maintain that portion of the Laramie River to New Underwood electric transmission project to be located in South Dakota as further described in this letter. WMMPA anticipates constructing, owning, and maintaining this project in cooperation with Basin Electric Power Cooperative (“BEPC”).

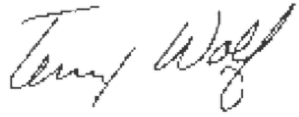
On August 14, 2025, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”), a federally registered transmission planning authority, issued a Notification to Construct SPP-NTC-220928 for Network Upgrade IDs 170003 and 170004 for the Laramie River-New Underwood 345 kV Ckt 1 New Line and Laramie River 345 kV Ckt1 Terminal Upgrade (the “Laramie River to New Underwood Project”). The Laramie River to New Underwood Project consists of a 161.4-mile 345 kV new transmission line from the Laramie River Substation located in Wheatland, Wyoming to a new substation to be constructed in New Underwood, South Dakota.

The Laramie River Substation, which serves as the southern connecting point of the Laramie River to New Underwood Project, is jointly owned by WMMPA, BEPC, and two other utilities. The northern connecting point of the project, the new New Underwood Substation, is anticipated to be owned by BEPC. The Laramie River to New Underwood Project was approved by the SPP Board of Directors as a result of its 2024 Integrated Transmission Planning process.

As required by South Dakota Codified Laws 49-32-20, WMMPA and BEPC intend to file with the Commission a permit for the Laramie River to New Underwood Project within 18 months of the date of this letter.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact either Terry Wolf, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, or Dan Harmelink, General Counsel, at terry.wolf@mrenegy.com or dan.harmelink@woodsfuller.com or the phone number set forth above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Wolf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Terry Wolf
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer