

April 30, 2025

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Capitol Building, 1st floor 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Minimum Rate for Purchases of Electricity Produced by Small Renewable Power Facilities

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Heartland Consumers Power District (Heartland) submits this rate information on behalf of its customers, including nineteen municipal utilities and six state institutions in South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-108. The Act requires each electric utility to file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission its minimum rate for purchases of electricity generated by a small renewable power facility with a capacity of one hundred kilowatts or less. Heartland utilizes the EIA Annual Energy Outlook for price targets. The EIA is now updating that report every 2 years. Thus, this filing will cover Heartland's PURPA Standard Rate from 4/1/2025 to 3/31/2026.

Heartland's PURPA Standard Rate for the time period of 4/1/2025 through 12/31/2025 is 2.304 cents/kWh for qualifying facilities with a capacity of one hundred kilowatts or less. The Heartland PURPA Standard Rate for the time period of 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026 is 2.192 cents/kWh and the Heartland PURPA Standard Rate for the time period of 1/1/2027 through 3/31/2027 is 2.096 cents/kWh for qualifying facilities with a capacity of one hundred kilowatts or less.

This minimum rate is filed with the State of South Dakota on behalf of the following Heartland customers in South Dakota: Arlington, Aurora, Bryant, Colman, Estelline, Groton, Hecla, Howard, Langford, McLaughlin, Madison, Miller, Parker, Plankinton, Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota, Tyndall, Volga, Wessington Springs, and White. This rate will also apply for all of Heartland's customers across all states.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at 605-256-6536 or <u>nate@heartlandenergy.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Nate Jones Chief Operations Officer Heartland Energy