

**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 COOPERATIVE, BUTTE ELECTRIC )  
COOPERATIVE, INC., GRAND ELECTRIC )  
COOPERATIVE, INC., MOREAU-GRAND )  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., ROSEBUD )  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AND )  
RUSHMORE ELECTRIC POWER )  
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR REFUSING TO )  
ENTER INTO QUALIFIED FACILITIES )  
PURCHASE POWER AGREEMENTS )

**ORDER GRANTING  
INTERVENTION**

EL14-042

On May 5, 2014, Prelude, L.L.C. (Prelude) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Complaint against Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin), Butte Electric Cooperative, Inc., Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc., Moreau-Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc., Rosebud Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Rushmore Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Respondents). Prelude has planned projects located in Respondents' service territories. Prelude alleges that Respondents have failed to enter into good faith negotiations of long term electric power purchase agreements pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act of 1978.

On May 8, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Complaint and the intervention deadline of May 27, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On May 29, 2014, the Commission received a Motion to Dismiss from Basin. On June 10, 2014, the Commission granted intervention to South Dakota Electric Utility Companies. On June 13, 2014, the Commission received a Petition to Intervene from the South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA).

The Commission has jurisdiction to grant intervention to interested parties in a proceeding pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 24, 2014, the Commission considered whether to grant intervention to SDREA. The Commission found that the late filing of the Petition to Intervene did not prejudice the other parties. No party objected to the intervention. The Commission voted unanimously to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the South Dakota Rural Electric Association's Petition to Intervene is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.
By: <u>Joy Lashley</u>
Date: <u>6.26.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman  
Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner  
Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner