

From: PUC
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 2:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EL24-021

Mr. and Ms. Monnier,

Thank you for reaching out regarding your concerns with Missouri River Energy Services' proposed energy conversion facility, docket [EL24-021](#).

This docket is the first step in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's process for MRES in requesting a permit to construct their proposed project. The purpose of this docket is to provide a six-month notice of the proposed project to the commission and for the commission to designate a Local Review Committee made up of a representative from each county, municipality, school district and Tribe within the designated area. The Local Review Committee will consider the proposed project and submit a report for the commission's consideration. You may wish to follow this docket and once available, reach out to your local representative selected for that committee, to be posted in the docket, with your concerns.

In December, MRES can move forward with the second phase in this siting permit request process: filing an application with the commission for a permit to construct the project. This application will be a new docket and the application will include significantly more information than what has been filed in docket EL24-021.

Another docket you may wish to review given your reference to it, and its proximity and similarity to MRES's, is Otter Tail Power's energy conversion and transmission docket, [EL17-042](#).

Once MRES files its application, the commission will hold a public input meeting in the project area to hear from those who may be affected by the proposed project. Written public comments may also be submitted regarding the docket before the commission issues a decision on the application. Reference the [Siting Information Guide](#) posted on the commission website home page for guidance on properly submitting comments.

There will also be an opportunity for interested parties seeking to intervene in the new docket in order to participate as a formal party by submitting testimony and evidence, filing legal motions, and cross-examining witnesses. This [Intervenor Guide](#) may be helpful to you in understanding the obligations that come with being

an intervenor in a docket before the commission. Under state law, the commission will have one year after the application is filed to issue a decision.

I appreciate you sharing your concerns regarding this proposed project as this will help my fellow commissioners and me as we consider the impacts of the proposed project and site. Your emailed comment and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in EL24-021.

Kristie Fiegen, Chairperson
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