

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition by Leola Data Center LLC to have Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Subsidiary of MDU Resources Group Inc., Assigned as its Electric Provider in the Service Area of FEM Electric Association Inc.	DOCKET NO. EL24-027
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RESPONSE

COMES NOW Leola Data Center (“LDC”), by and through its counsel of record, William M. Van Camp, and responds to the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission’s Second Set of Data Requests:

- 2-1. Confirm LDC’s facilities will be located outside municipalities as the boundaries thereof existed on March 21, 1975.

Response: In review of the South Dakota Electric Service Territory Map published on the Commission’s website the location of the facility would be in FEM territory approximately 5 miles from the city of Leola. It is the belief of LDC that its location is outside the municipal boundaries as existed on March 21, 1975.

- 2-2. Refer to Exhibit 1-1b attached to LDC’s response to Staff DR 1-1b. Provide a detailed map that clearly shows all LDC buildings, all LDC facilities, lot lines of property leased by LDC, lot lines of the Derek and Laura DeRaad acreage, the DeRaad house, barn, shop, and pumping station, and all Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) electrical facilities.

Response: See, attached Exhibit 2-2 and the attached and incorporated application of LDC for a McPherson County Conditional Use Permit (CUP) @2, 5, and 8.

- 2-3. Refer to LDC’s response to Staff DR 1-2. Confirm LDC is looking to have MDU supply all its power requirements on the leased property.

Response: Yes, LDC is looking to have MDU supply all its power requirements on the leased property.

- 2-4. Refer to LDC’s response to Staff DR 1-3. Provide a list of all LDC equipment that make up the 10 MW of initial load and 50 MW at final completion and the load associated with each.

Response: See, CUP @1

2-5. Is LDC aware that having MDU as its electric service provider is permanent and cannot be reversed back to FEM in the future?

Response: Yes.

2-6. Provide an updated project timeline and when LDC anticipates being in operation. Also, provide a timeline of each of the ramp-ups that will take LDC from its initial 10 MW load to its ultimate 50 MW load. When will LDC need electrical service installed to meet this timeline?

Response: LDC expects construction to start spring of 2025 with full operations beginning fall of 2025. LDC intends to buildout the site using one construction mobilization with the four anticipated buildings being built one after another with slight rolling ramp-up in 12.5 MW intervals. See also, CUP @3.

2-7. Are there any unique ancillary services required by LDC? Explain.

Response: No. LDC expects to use a septic system and rural water service. See also, CUP @3.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2025.

Leola Data Center

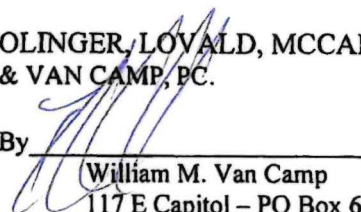

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AS TO OBJECTIONS.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2025.

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& VAN CAMP, PC.**

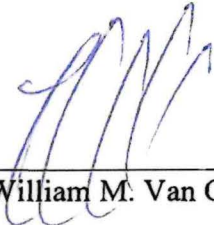
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

William M. Van Camp, of Olinger, Lovald McCahren & Van Camp, P.C., hereby certifies that on the 29th day of November, 2024, he filed and served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Supplemental Response in the above-captioned action via the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's electronic filing system on the following:

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