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Subject Matter: Third Data Request
Request to: Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: November 14, 2024
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3-8. Refer to page 2 of the Electric Service Agreement in docket EL24-028. Has MDU received LDC's \$1,000,000 initial contribution in aid of construction? If not, explain why.

Response:

Yes, Montana-Dakota has received the \$1,000,000 initial contribution in aid of construction from LDC.

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3-9. Refer to page 1 of the Electric Service Agreement in docket EL24-028. Provide a timeline of when MDU will incur the [REDACTED] in project costs. Will there be any period where total project costs incurred by MDU will exceed the total contribution in aid of construction that has been received? Explain.

Response:

Actual project construction schedule and expenditures will be agreed upon with the customer. At no point will Montana-Dakota incur project costs that exceed the contribution in aid to construction (CAIC). If MDU projects to incur costs greater than the CAIC it will request additional funds from LDC.

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3-15. Confirm that LDC is a cryptocurrency business that currently plans to be a portable containerized business. What are the advantages and disadvantages to MDU and its customers of this model versus operating out of permanent, non-portable buildings?

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LDC's site plans have changed. LDC is now planning to build 4 separate 12.5 MW structures on the site instead of portable containerized units.

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3-24. Referring to the pass-through part of LDC's bill in docket EL24-028, what protections does MDU have in place if LDC were to not pay a bill after the costs have been incurred by MDU?

Response:

As noted in Response No. 3-17, Montana-Dakota's ESA includes a provision that requires LDC to maintain a Letter of Credit in an amount sufficient to cover 45 days of Bi-weekly bills and 2.5 Months of monthly bills giving sufficient time to provide notice of non-payment default and cure opportunity to LDC before negative impacts occur to Montana-Dakota or its customers for non-payment events.

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3-28. Confirm LDC's firm load will be 2.5 MW.

Response:

Confirm.