

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE BY LEOLA DATA CENTER, LLC, TO HAVE MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. ASSIGNED AS ITS ELECTRIC PROVIDER IN THE SERVICE AREA OF FEM ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION INC.	DOCKET NO. EL24-____ PETITION FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE
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COMES NOW Leola Data Center, LLC, (“Petitioner”), by and through William M. Van Camp, its attorney, and pursuant to SDCL § 49-34A-56, and petitions the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) as follows:

I. LEOLA DATA CENTER, LLC AS QUALIFYING CUSTOMER

A. The Petitioner has plans to operate a data center in McPherson County, near the City of Leola, South Dakota. The new Leola Data Center (herein the “Data Center”) will be located adjacent to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.’s (“Montana-Dakota”) Leola substation at 11641 358th Avenue, Leola, South Dakota.

B. Petitioner is a new customer, seeking electrical service to a new location, which has developed since August 14, 2013 (Docket No. EL13-026), and such location is within the territorial boundaries of FEM Electric Association, Inc., an REC, as such boundaries existed on August 14, 2013, all pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-56.

C. Petitioner is negotiating an Electric Service Agreement (“ESA”) with Montana-Dakota, subject to Commission approval of this Petition, which Petitioner believes will allow it to receive reliable electrical service at an economic rate and without extensive development of

facilities to provide such service. The ESA has a contracted minimum demand in excess of two thousand kilowatts.

II. REQUESTED ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER

A. Petitioner desires to receive electrical service from Montana-Dakota for all of its electrical needs at the Data Center.

B. Petitioner is informed and believes that Montana-Dakota can furnish electrical service to meet the Data Center's needs, consistent with the factors of SDCL 49-34A-56 as follows:

- (1) Montana-Dakota can meet the electrical service requirements of the load to be served;
- (2) Montana-Dakota has an adequate power supply;
- (3) Serving the Data Center will assist in the development and improvement of the Montana-Dakota electric system, including economic factors relating thereto;
- (4) Montana-Dakota has adequate facilities in proximity to the Data Center from which electric service of the type required may be delivered;
- (5) Petitioner has a strong preference to be served by Montana-Dakota; and
- (6) Other pertinent factors related to the furnishing of adequate electric service to fulfill Petitioner's requirements support the ability of Montana-Dakota to provide such service.

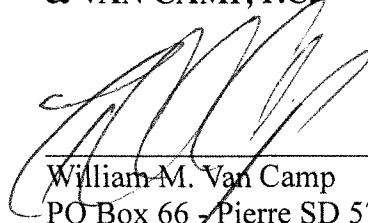
III. CONCLUSION

Leola Data Center, LLC, as Petitioner, and as the owner of the proposed Data Center, hereby requests a hearing on this Petition as soon as possible to authorize Petitioner to receive permanent electrical service from Montana-Dakota.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests the Commission, after notice and hearing in this matter, to assign Montana-Dakota as the supplier of electrical service to the Data Center.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2024.

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