

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A SUBSIDIARY OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT UNDER RATE 45 BETWEEN MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., A SUBSIDIARY OF MDU RESOURCES GROUP INC., AND LEOLA DATA CENTER LLC

EL-24-028

**EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER
COOPERATIVE, INC.'S JOINDER IN
BASIN ELECTRIC POWER
COOPERATIVE'S RESPONSE
TO MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES
CO.'S OBJECTION TO
PETITIONS TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. ("East River"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby joins and submits its Joinder in Basin's Electric Power Cooperative's Response to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Response and Objection to Petitions of FEM Electric Association, Inc., East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

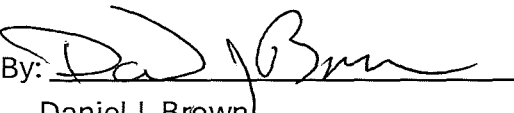
East River agrees with the arguments made by Basin Electric in its Response to Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Response and Objection to Petitions to Intervene dated September 13, 2024, and do not repeat those arguments here.

East River's pecuniary interests will be directly and immediately affected by the Commission's decision to approve the ESA, and no other party could adequately represent East River's interests in this matter. East River desires to intervene in this matter to provide information regarding its ability to provide wholesale power to FEM, construct reliable transmission and infrastructure to serve the Data Center, and to protect its interests.

East River respectfully requests the Commission to grant its Petition to Intervene and authorize East River to participate in this docket with all rights of a party.

Dated this 16th day of September 2024.

EAST RIVER ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.

By: 
Daniel J. Brown

East River General Counsel
211 South Harth Ave., PO Box 227
Madison, SD 57042
(605) 256-4536
dbrown@eastriver.coop