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August 5, 2024

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Leola Datacenter, LLC Electric Service Agreement  
Docket No. EL24-\_\_\_\_\_

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (Montana-Dakota or Company), herewith electronically submits for Commission approval an Electric Service Agreement (ESA or Agreement) between Montana-Dakota and Leola Datacenter, LLC (Leola DC or Customer) in accordance with paragraph 1 of the General Terms and Conditions provision of the Company's High Density Contracted Demand Response Rate 45 (Rate 45) schedule that states "[t]he customer shall execute an electric service agreement with the Company which shall be filed and approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission." Select provisions of the Agreement and this transmittal letter contain trade secret information and therefore, Montana-Dakota herewith also requests confidential treatment as follows:

1. Select information, marked accordingly herein this Transmittal Letter and Attachment A (copy of Leola DC ESA).
2. Montana-Dakota requests that such confidential treatment be afforded the documents indefinitely or for a minimum term of ten years.
3. The grounds for confidentiality are that the information contains information which is considered to be trade secret as it would provide competitive advantage to competitors.

A single un-redacted copy of the trade secret information is being provided in a sealed envelope marked "Protected Information - Private".

This is the first ESA entered into under Rate 45 in South Dakota since the Commission approved the new rate schedule in January 2023 in Docket No. EL22-024. This ESA was entered into on June 17, 2024 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. An application requesting large customer exemption under SDCL 49-34A-56 for electric service to this facility will be filed with this Commission by Leola DC as the facility is located near Leola, South Dakota adjacent to the west side of the Company's Leola 115kV substation.

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Leola DC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Electric Assets LLC, a data center developer with sites and development activities in the Midwest and Southwest regions of the United States. The Leola DC will host high performance computing customers in the artificial intelligence and/or bitcoin mining industries. The new facility is expected to start construction late Fall/Winter 2024 with operations commencing in Winter 2024/Spring 2025.

The Agreement, provided herein as Attachment A, provides for the sale of all electric power required by the data center to be located near the Company's Leola 115kV substation near the city of Leola, South Dakota. The Agreement provides that:

[REDACTED]

The Agreement shall remain in effect for an initial period of five years from the in-service date of the Company's facilities required to serve the customer. The agreement will then continue year to year until such time as either party cancels the agreement.

Montana-Dakota believes the attached Agreement meets the requirements outlined in High Density Contracted Demand Response Rate 45 and that the electric service provided under the Agreement will provide a net benefit to all South Dakota customers. Therefore Montana-Dakota respectfully requests Commission approval of the attached Electric Service Agreement with Leola DC.

Please refer all inquiries regarding this filing to:

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This filing has been electronically submitted to the Commission in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:02:05. Montana-Dakota respectfully requests that this filing be accepted as being in full compliance with the filing requirements of this Commission.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Travis R. Jacobson*

Travis R. Jacobson  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

cc: B. Koenecke