

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY EAST)
RIVER ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, INC.)
FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A WAPA NORTH)
BEND TO PRATT 230KV TRANSMISSION LINE)**

**ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE

EL24-011**

On March 22, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a facility permit application (Application) from East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (East River or Applicant). Applicant proposes to construct approximately 500 feet of 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated facilities (Project) located in Sections 15 and 16 of T110N, R73W, Hyde County, South Dakota. The Project will connect the North Bend Substation owned by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) with the Pratt Substation owned by East River. The Project will be located on land owned by WAPA or East River, with the exception of the crossing of the public road Right of Way for County Road 649. Applicant anticipates construction to be completed by April 2025. On April 9, 2024, the Applicant filed an Amended Application in which Applicant estimates the total construction cost of the proposed Project to be approximately \$6,516,000.

On March 28, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 21, 2024, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments have been filed to date.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-12, 49-41B-26, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 23, 2024, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff requested that the Commission assess a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-12 of up to the statutory maximum of \$16,290 with any unused portion above \$8,000 subject to refund. The Commission unanimously voted to assess a filing fee up to the statutory limit of \$16,290, with any unused portion above \$8,000 subject to refund, for actual expenses incurred in processing this Application commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

ORDERED, that East River shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-12 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$16,290 with any unused portion above \$8,000 subject to refund.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of April 2024.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u><i>Juster Edwards</i></u>
Date: <u>24 April 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner