



August 27, 2025

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

[Insert Name
Insert Address
Insert City, State, ZIP]

Re: In the Matter of the Application by Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and Missouri River Energy Services for a Facility Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility and Associated Facilities Including an Electric Transmission Line in Deuel County, South Dakota
Docket No. EL25-028

Dear [Insert Name]:

On behalf of Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) and Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (Western Minnesota) (together, Applicants), I am providing notice as required by SDCL § 49-41B-5.2 that the Applicants have filed an application with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a siting permit for an energy conversion facility and electric transmission line in Deuel County, South Dakota, known as the Toronto Power Plant (Project). A copy of the Application is on file in the Auditor's office in Deuel County and at the Commission's office in Pierre. In addition, the Application and other documents in this docket may be accessed on the Commission's website at www.puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2025 Electric Dockets, EL25-028. You are receiving this notice because you are the record owner of the following parcel(s) of real property located within one-half mile of the proposed site where the Project is to be constructed: [Insert Parcel Number(s)].

The Project consists of a 145 megawatt (MW) dual fuel power plant and a 345 kilovolt (kV) generation-tie transmission line. The power plant consists of four combustion turbine-generator sets, a turbine hall building, diesel fuel truck unloading facilities, and other associated facilities. The 345 kV transmission line will be approximately 4.9 miles long and connects the power plant with the existing Astoria 345 kV substation. Associated facilities will include natural gas piping anticipated to be less than 450 feet along the southwest side of the proposed power plant site. The power plant site is proposed to be located in the SE¼ of Section 7, Township 113N, Range 48W in Scandinavia Township. The 345-kV generation-tie transmission line is proposed to be located

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in Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, and 22 of Township 113N, Range 48W in Scandinavia Township. A map showing the location of the Project is enclosed.

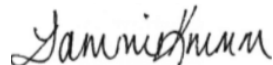
As required by state law, the Commission has scheduled a public-input meeting to allow the public to comment on and ask questions about the Project. Also enclosed is a copy of the Commission's public input meeting notice. **As indicated in the enclosed notice, the public input meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., CDT, at the Deubrook Elementary School, 695 Palisades Ave., Toronto, South Dakota.** At the public-input meeting, the Applicants will present a brief description of the Project and the reasons it is necessary and beneficial, after which interested persons may appear to present their views, comments, and questions regarding the Application, the process, and the Project. You are invited to attend the meeting.

After the meeting, the Commission will conduct further formal proceedings on the Application. Notice of your opportunity to participate in further proceedings will be provided in the docket.

If you have questions or would like to speak with someone directly, please call us at 605-977-7775 or email us at connect@torontopowerplant.com. We look forward to answering questions you may have about the Project.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,



Tammie Krumm
Vice President of Human Resources & Administration,
Interim Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer
Missouri River Energy Services

Enclosures

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)	NOTICE OF APPLICATION; ORDER
WESTERN MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL POWER)	FOR AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC
AGENCY AND MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY)	INPUT MEETING; NOTICE OF
SERVICES FOR A FACILITY PERMIT FOR AN)	OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR
ENERGY CONVERSION FACILITY AND)	PARTY STATUS
ASSOCIATED FACILITIES INCLUDING AN)	
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE IN DEUEL)	EL25-028
COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On August 7, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for an Energy Facility Permit (Application) from Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, through its agent Missouri River Energy Services (Applicants). Applicants propose to construct an energy conversion facility and electric transmission line in Scandinavia Township, Deuel County, South Dakota, known as the Toronto Power Plant (Project).

The Project consists of 145 mW dual fuel power plant and a 345 kV generation-tie transmission line. The power plant consists of four combustion turbine-generator sets, a turbine hall building, diesel fuel truck unloading facilities, and other associated facilities. The 345 kV generation-tie transmission line will be approximately 4.9 miles long and connects the power plant with the existing Astoria 345 kV substation. Associated facilities will include natural gas piping anticipated to be less than 450 feet along the southwest side of the proposed power plant site. The power plant site is proposed to be located in the SE ¼ of Section 7, Township 113N, Range 48W in Scandinavia Township, approximately 3 miles north of Toronto, South Dakota. The 345-kV generation-tie transmission line is proposed to be located in Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, and 22 of Township 113N, Range 48W in Scandinavia Township.

Applicants estimate the total construction cost to be \$378 million. The Project is expected to be in commercial operation in 2029.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the Commission will hold a public input meeting on the Application on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. CDT – Deubrook Elementary School, 695 Palisades Ave., Toronto, South Dakota.

The purpose of the public input meeting will be to hear public comments regarding the Application and the Project. At the meeting, Applicants will present a brief description of the Project, after which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments, and questions regarding the Application. A copy of the Application is on file with the County Auditor in Deuel County and at the Commission's office in Pierre. The Application and all other documents in the docket, including detailed maps of the Project, may be accessed on the Commission's website at puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Electric Dockets, 2025 Electric Dockets, EL25-028.

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17, the parties to this proceeding are currently Applicants and the Commission Staff. Each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited; or any person residing in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited, or any directly interested person, may be granted party status in this proceeding by making timely written application to the Commission. Applications for party status will be available at the public input meeting or may be obtained from the Commission's web site. **Applications for party status must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m., CDT, October 6, 2025.** The Commission will also accept written

comments from anyone other than parties to the proceeding, either by mail, personal delivery, or e-mail until the time of the decision. You only need to apply for party status if you want to participate formally in the case by providing testimony or other factual evidence, conducting discovery, cross-examining witnesses, making legal arguments, and to preserve your right to appeal to the courts if you do not believe the Commission's decision is legally correct. You do not need to have party status in order to submit written comments. An individual with party status is required to submit information pursuant to a procedural schedule rather than submitting written comments.

Following the public input meeting, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider issues raised by any party or the Commission itself. At such a formal hearing, parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence, and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1, and 49-41B and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 20:10:22, including rights of appeal to the courts.

For approval, Applicants must show that the proposed Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether a permit to construct should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds appropriate.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission will hold a public input meeting on the Application and Project on **Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 5:30 p.m. CDT, at the Deubrook Elementary School, 695 Palisades Ave., Toronto, South Dakota.** It is further

ORDERED, that pursuant to ARSD 20:10:22:40, **applications for party status should be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m., CDT, on October 6, 2025.**

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, these hearings will be held in physically accessible locations. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at (605) 773-3201 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of August 2025.

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: Kristie Fiegen

Date: 11 Aug 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hansen

GARY HANSEN, Chairperson

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Figure 1. Power Plant Site



Figure 2. Route Selected

