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Subject: RE: [EXT] Dual unit, natural gas turbine proposed development near Toronto, SD

Mr. Clifton – Thank you for attending the public input meeting in Toronto regarding the proposed Toronto Power Plant. We appreciate your engagement in the process and the time you took to share your professional perspective.

The full docket for this project, [EL25-028](#) - *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*, was opened on Aug. 7, 2025, and is available on the PUC's website.

This docket is currently being reviewed by the Commission and PUC staff. As the process moves forward, additional information will be requested from the applicant, filed in the docket, and made publicly available.

We also appreciate your follow-up comments regarding job creation, energy infrastructure and the broader impact for South Dakota's economic development.

It is important to note that the PUC's authority in siting energy facilities is outlined by state law. The Commission does not play a role promoting or directing development to specific areas. Rather, our decision will be based on evidence presented and the criteria outlined in state statutes and administrative rules. The PUC's role is described in the [Energy Conversion & Electric Transmission Facilities Siting Guide](#), which is accessible from the docket.

Your final sentence characterizes the proposed plant as a PUC project. As noted on page 8 of the [application](#) posted in the docket, the project owner is listed as Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency with Missouri River Energy Services having management and operation responsibilities. The PUC's role is regulatory in nature.

Your email and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses section of the online docket.

Sincerely,

Gary Hanson
Chairman