

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
WESTERN MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL)	EXTEND DEADLINE
POWER AGENCY AND MISSOURI RIVER)	
ENERGY SERVICES FOR A FACILITY)	
PERMIT FOR AN ENERGY CONVERSION)	
FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES)	EL25-028
INCLUDING AN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION)	
LINE IN DEUEL COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On August 7, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application for an Energy Facility Permit from Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and 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 as proposed 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 4.3 miles long and will connect 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.

On August 14, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 6, 2025, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene have been filed. On June 30, 2026, the Applicants filed a Motion to Extend Decision Deadline for six months so that the Applicants can evaluate the feasibility of the Project at this location given the recent zoning and moratorium developments in Deuel County. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-24.1, the Commission may extend the one-year deadline for energy conversion facilities upon request of the applicant.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-24.1.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on July 14, 2026, the Commission considered this matter. No party objected to Applicants' Motion to Extend Decision Deadline. The Commission, with Commissioner Nelson dissenting, voted to grant the Motion to Extend Decision Deadline for six months¹. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion to Extend Decision Deadline for six months is hereby granted. It is further

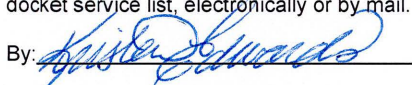
ORDERED, that the revised deadline for the Commission's decision is February 8, 2027.

¹ The Commission notes that the six months ends on a Sunday. Therefore, the deadline will be Monday, February 8, 2027.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of July 2026.

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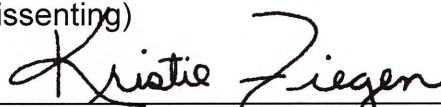
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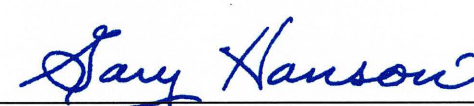
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman
(Dissenting)


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner