

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

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

ORDER GRANTING LOCAL
REVIEW COMMITTEE'S
REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT
OF PERSONNEL TO CARRY
OUT PROVISIONS OF SDCL
49-41B-7

EL25-028

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). In docket EL24-021, the Commission designated a Local Review Committee (Committee) for the Project by Order dated July 9, 2024. On November 3, 2025, Jay Grabow, Chairman of the Committee, filed a Letter regarding Employment of Personnel to Carry out Provisions of SDCL 49-41B-7. With this letter, Mr. Grabow explained that the Committee has engaged the First District Association of Local Governments (First District) to assist the Committee's assessment of the factors located in SDCL 49-41B-7. SDCL 49-41B-8 requires the Commission to determine the employment of persons by a local review committee. The cost of employing First District has already been paid by the Applicants. Therefore, the parties did not seek approval for a specific dollar amount.

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.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically SDCL 49-41B-8.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 2, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the Local Review Committee's request for employment of personnel to carry out provisions of SDCL 49-41B-7. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the local review committee's request for employment of personnel to carry out provisions of SDCL 49-41B-7 is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of December 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: [Signature]

Date: 13 Dec 2025

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner