

November 3rd, 2025

Ms. Leah Mohr
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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 Ms. Mohr:

By order dated July 9, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission appointed a Local Review Committee (Committee) pursuant to SDCL § 49-41B-6. I serve as chair of the Committee. Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) contacted First District Association of Local Governments (First District) located in Watertown, South Dakota, to assist the Committee with coordinating its first meeting and to facilitate the development of a Social and Economic Impact Study (Study) to determine what adverse impacts, if any, would be experienced as a result of the construction and operation of the Toronto Power Plant.

The Committee asked First District to assist, including attending each of its five meetings, two of which were open to the public. First District also researched and provided the Committee with information regarding the twelve social and economic areas included in the Study and outlined in SDCL 49-41B-7. The Committee discussed the information provided by First District at the Committee meetings and directed First District to amend the Study in several respects, including inserting various mitigation activities. The Committee voted to approve the Study for inclusion in the Committee's final report to be filed with the Commission within the time required by SDCL § 49-41B-10.

It has been brought to my attention that the Committee should have asked for and received Commission approval prior to engaging with First District, pursuant to SDCL § 49-41B-8. Please accept this late-filed request for Commission approval of the Committee's retention of First District to assist the Committee in carrying out its responsibilities. MRES has paid First District for its work with the Committee and drafting of the Study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Grabow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jay Grabow
Chairman, Toronto Power Plant Local Review Committee
Chairman, Deuel County Commission