

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF CROWNED RIDGE
ENERGY STORAGE I, LLC FOR A
PERMIT FOR AN ENERGY
CONVERSION FACILITY**

EL26-014

**RESPONSE TO STAFF’S OBJECTION
TO PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
BASIN ELECTRIC POWER
COOPERATIVE**

COMES NOW Basin Electric Power Cooperative (“Basin”), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1 and A.R.S.D. § 20:10:01:15.02, submits the following response to Staff’s Objection to its petition to intervene and in further support of its request for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding.

The administrative rules authorize intervention for a person who “will be bound and affected either favorably or adversely with respect to an interest peculiar to the petitioner and distinguished from an interest common to the public or to the taxpayers in general.” A.R.S.D. § 20:10:01:15.05. Basin is a directly interested person under the rule.

Crowned Ridge Energy Storage I, LLC seeks a facility permit to construct and operate a 120-megawatt battery energy storage system (“BESS”) to store excess wholesale energy in Codington County, South Dakota. The proposed BESS is located in the service territory of Codington Clark Electric Cooperative, which is a Class C Member of Basin. If constructed, Crowned Ridge will enter into a Battery Energy Storage System Station Service Agreement.

Construction and operation of facilities, as well as negotiation, approval, and execution of any agreements related thereto, have the potential of setting precedent on issues that affect generation and transmission cooperatives such as Basin. This Commission’s decisions may impact whether a battery storage system is designated as a generator or a load. The charge and discharge

related to batteries represents wholesale energy that falls under Southwest Power Pool's ("SPP") purview and impacts overall system load. Wholesale power transactions and bulk energy stored and discharged by batteries are directed through SPP. In that regard, Basin's role is distinct from the station service that is provided and/or managed by one of its member cooperatives, such as Codington Clark Cooperative.

Basin will be directly and uniquely impacted by any decision this Commission makes that impacts the treatment and tracking of battery use and power. Basin thus seeks an opportunity to participate in this docket and ensure that whatever conditions or requirements are imposed are workable and consistent with the treatment and tracking of battery use and power.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2026.

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