

**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	EL-26-014 PETITION TO INTERVENE BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE
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COMES NOW Basin Electric Power Cooperative (“Basin Electric”), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.1 and A.R.S.D. 20:10:01:15.02, petitions this Commission for leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support hereof, Petitioner states and declares as follows:

1. Basin Electric is a non-profit electric generation and transmission (“G & T”) cooperative located in Bismarck, North Dakota.

2. East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (“East River”) is a non-profit electric G & T cooperative located in Madison, South Dakota.

3. Codington-Clark Electric Co-op (“Codington-Clark”) is an electric cooperative and energy provider to members in Beadle, Say, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury and Spink counties in South Dakota.

4. Basin Electric generates electric power which it sells and transmits to its Class A Members for resale and retransmission to its Class C Members located in nine states for distribution to over three million users, residential and commercial.

5. East River is a Class A Member of Basin Electric. It has entered into a long-term bilateral wholesale power supply contract with Basin Electric. East River purchases and receives energy and capacity from Basin Electric for resale to its Members. These Members include twenty-four rural electric distribution cooperatives, one of which is Codington-Clark.

6. Every Basin Electric Class A Member has a long-term wholesale power contract with Basin Electric pursuant to which Basin Electric sells and transmits power to the Class A Members for resale and retransmission to Class C Members.

7. The revenues from the wholesale power contracts between Basin Electric and its Class A Members are the primary and essential support for Basin Electric's financial ability to operate, maintain, and improve the Basin Electric electrical system.

8. On May 14, 2026, NextEra ("Nextera") filed an Application of Crowned Ridge Energy I Storage I, LLC with this Commission (the "Application" for a battery energy storage facility.

9. NextEra's planned facility is within the service territory of Coddington- Clark.

10. By virtue of its relationship with East River, and by extension East River's relationship with Coddington-Clark, Basin Electric has a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding as this Commission's decision will, directly or indirectly, affect its contractual and financial relationships with its Members.

11. Accordingly, Basin Electric desires to intervene in order that it may receive pleadings and other documents, present evidence and written argument, and otherwise take all actions necessary to clarify or oppose certain positions taken by the parties to this docket. Basin Electric will work cooperatively with each of East River and Coddington-Clark to avoid duplication of efforts and promote efficiency in the handling of this docket.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Meredith A. Moore, hereby certify that on the 14th day of July, 2026, a true and correct copy of the Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Petition to Intervene was served on the following by means of the Commission's e-filing system:

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