

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF RANDALL ) COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT'S ) PETITION FOR A DECLARATORY ) RULING DETERMINING IF SOUTH ) DAKOTA LAW WOULD ALLOW ) PETITIONER TO DEVELOP AND OWN ) ITS OWN RENEWABLE ENERGY ) GENERATION SYSTEM )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING PETITIONS TO ) INTERVENE; ORDER GRANTING ) REQUEST FOR ORAL ) ARGUMENT; NOTICE OF ORAL ) ARGUMENT )</b>
	<b>EL18-061</b>

On December 19, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for a Declaratory Ruling from Randall Community Water District (RCWD) to determine if South Dakota law would allow RCWD to develop and own its own renewable energy generation system.

On December 20, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 4, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On January 3, 2019, Charles Mix Electric Association, Inc. filed a Petition to Intervene. On January 4, 2019, Basin Electric Power Cooperative; East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.; South Dakota Electric Utility Companies; and South Dakota Rural Electric Association, each filed a Petition to Intervene. On January 7, 2019, Commission staff filed a Request for Oral Argument.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02, 20:10:01:15.03, 20:10:01:15.05, 20:10:01:34, and 20:10:01:35. The Commission may rely upon any or all of these laws or other laws of this state in making its determination.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 18, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. RCWD did not object to the petitions to intervene. Commission staff requested the Commission issue an Order for Oral Arguments. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the petitions to intervene of Charles Mix Electric Association, Inc.; Basin Electric Power Cooperative; East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.; South Dakota Electric Utility Companies; and South Dakota Rural Electric Association and to grant the Request for Oral Argument. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Charles Mix Electric Association, Inc.; Basin Electric Power Cooperative; East River Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.; South Dakota Electric Utility Companies; and South Dakota Rural Electric Association's petitions to intervene are hereby granted to pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15.02. It is further

ORDERED, that the Request for Oral Argument is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the Commission will hear oral argument on February 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of January 2019.

**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: Adam de Hueck

Date: 1/22/19

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner