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Matt Eberl
Development Manager
Homestead Wind, LLC
1411 W Dakota Pkwy #205
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Re: Transmission upgrades associated with the Homestead Wind interconnection to MWEC's Strandahl Substation

Dear Mr. Eberl:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the transmission upgrades related to the Homestead Wind project. As General Manager of Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative (MWEC), I am writing to describe the transmission upgrades MWEC is constructing in connection with Homestead Wind, LLC's (Homestead) interconnection to the MWEC system and to outline the anticipated benefits these upgrades will provide to MWEC's members.

MWEC is a Transmission Owner within the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). Due to the location of the project, Homestead is interconnecting to MWEC's Strandahl Substation. In addition to the interconnection facilities, the SPP Definitive Interconnection System Impact Study (DISIS) identified two network upgrades on MWEC's system that are required to reliably accommodate this project:

- 1) Construction of a new 15-mile 115-kV transmission line from Strandahl substation to Blacktail switch.
- 2) Rebuild of MWEC's existing transmission line from Strandahl substation to Mont substation.

Homestead, MWEC, and SPP executed an agreement under which Homestead will fully fund the construction of these network upgrades, which are currently estimated at \$32.7 million. This arrangement ensures the necessary upgrades are completed without imposing those capital costs on MWEC's members or other rate payers.

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The new Strandahl-Blacktail 115-kV line provides an additional transmission connection into that area of the MWEC system. MWEC anticipates the additional connection will provide a benefit to its members due to the enhanced contingency coverage and operational flexibility, improving service reliability for members served in and around that area.

Rebuilding the Strandahl-Mont line will increase the line's capacity, which is required to allow Homestead to operate at full output. The existing line is over 50 years old and would have required reconstruction in the not-too-distant future. Completing this upgrade now, funded by Homestead, avoids a significant capital outlay that would otherwise likely have been borne by MWEC's members.

Collectively, these improvements strengthen MWEC's local transmission network while supporting the interconnection of new generation in a manner consistent with SPP planning and reliability standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Vournas".

Alex Vournas
General Manager
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