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Mr. Robert Harris
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Upper Great Plains Region
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Re: Comments on Western's 2021 PMI

Dear Mr. Harris,

Watertown Municipal Utilities is an electric utility distributing service to over 12,300 residential and business customers located in Watertown, SD. We also serve our customers water and natural gas. Power from Western Area accounts for nearly 35% of the total electrical need in our service territory, which allows us to supply reliable, economical and environmentally-friendly source of electricity .

Watertown Utilities has been following the developments of the Western Area Power Administration's Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-2021 PMI. We agree with Western's Amended Marketing Plan Principles as well as the Extended Marketing Plan Principles as outlined in the Federal Register Notice.

Watertown Municipal Utilities is thankful for its working relationship with Western. This program has been the basis for providing affordable, cost-based electricity to our community. We look forward to our continued discussion with Western on the 2021 PMI.

Sincerely,



Steve Lehner
General Manager