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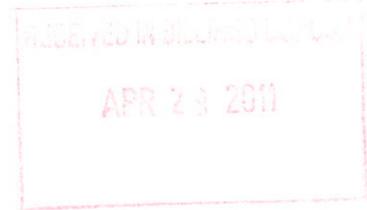


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Mr. Robert J. Harris, Regional Manager
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Dear Mr. Harris,

Bon Homme Yankton Electric appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Western Area Power Administration's proposed 2021 Power Marketing Initiative or "PMI" for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program as published in the Federal Register dated March 4, 2011. As a member of East River Electric Power Cooperative we have an interest in the forgoing contracts that are being considered for power supply in the future.

The Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin hydropower marketed by WAPA is an important resource to the firm power customers in the marketing area. The customers who are receiving this power wish to continue with the contracts for the future power source provided through your agency. As an end use customer we feel it is imperative to continue with the delivery of this resource to the current members now and going forward in the future.

Bon Homme Yankton Electric commends and endorses Western's proposed 2021 PMI. The PMI provides the current members with certainty of this power source and the ability of Western to administer this resource to their customers and those potential new customers. We also support the proposed contract term of 30 years, but would urge the consideration of a 40 year contract term. The additional ten years would provide additional certainty of this resource and help in our long range power supply planning.

In addition to the resource being provided, our contributions of capital towards upgrades and other needed project financing would be greatly supported since this shows the good faith that the capital being used to enhance the hydro resources will ensure continued delivery of power under the new AMI contracts.

We also support the 2021 PMI provisions dealing with availability of future resources and the disposition of newly available resources under the provision of the Energy Planning and Management Program. We will continue to watch as the 2021 PMI moves forward. Thank you.

Very truly,


M. J. Goehring, GM