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Mr. Robert Harris, Regional Manager  
Upper Great Plains  
Western Area Power Administration  
2900 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
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Dear Mr. Harris:

Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Western Area Power Administration's proposed 2021 Power Marketing Initiative (PMI) for the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, as published in the Federal Register (Vol. 76, No. 43, Friday, March 4, 2011, pp. 12104-07).

Codington-Clark Electric Cooperative serves approximately 3,100 rural patrons in Codington, Clark and portions of surrounding counties in northeast South Dakota. We purchase hydropower generated by Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program Eastern Division resources through East River Electric Power Cooperative which holds a long term bulk power supply contract with the Western Area Power Administration.

The federal hydropower we receive from East River through Western is a critical part of the power supply utilized by our rural end consumers and heavily depended upon. Codington-Clark supports Western's March 4 Federal Register Notice for the Power Marketing Initiative 2021 proposal. Codington-Clark however, requests Western consider revising the proposed thirty year contract term to forty years. We believe an additional ten years on the contract term would offer greater power supply stability for end consumers served by Codington-Clark Electric along with other Western customers. Please take these thoughts into consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Eide".

Dave Eide  
General Manager