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January 14, 2019

Jeffrey P. Ackermann, Chairman  
Colorado Public Utilities Commission  
1560 Broadway, Suite 250  
Denver, CO 80202

Frances A. Koncilja, Commissioner  
Colorado Public Utilities Commission  
1560 Broadway, Suite 250  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Chairman Ackermann and Commissioner Koncilja:

We submit these comments in support of the filing last month by Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) asking the Colorado Public Utilities Commission to set a just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory charge for DMEA's exit from Tri-State.

As members of the Colorado General Assembly who care about rural economic development and allowing *all* Coloradans access to less expensive power from local and diverse generation sources, we urge the Commission to strongly consider exercising its jurisdiction under Colorado law and setting an exit charge fair to both DMEA and Tri-State's remaining members.

We believe Articles 1 to 7 of Title 40 of the Colorado Revised Statutes apply to Tri-State as a generation and transmission cooperative corporation. The law says public utilities, like Tri-State, cannot demand unjust, unreasonable, or discriminatory charges. If they do, then the Commission may prescribe just and reasonable ones. DMEA's complaint says Tri-State refuses to give a just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory exit charge, depriving rural Coloradans of access to less expensive and more diverse local generation that can serve as a catalyst for economic development on the Western Slope.

We look forward to monitoring the docket as it moves through the process and appreciate the Commission entering our comments into the record in Proceeding No. 18F-0866E.

Sincerely,

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Senate District 6 (DMEA Service Territory)

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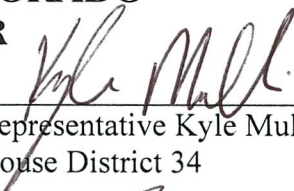
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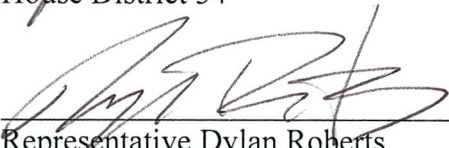


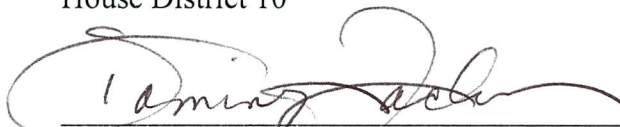
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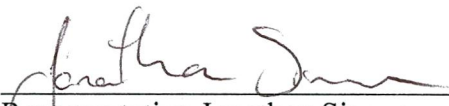
  
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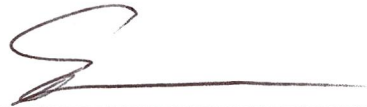
  
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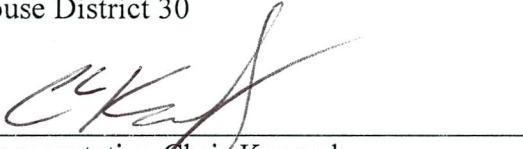
  
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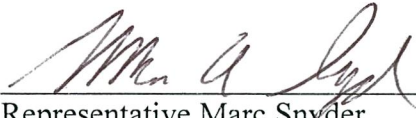
  
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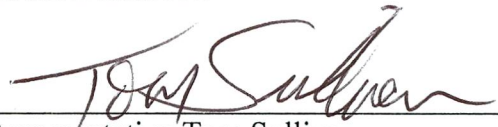
  
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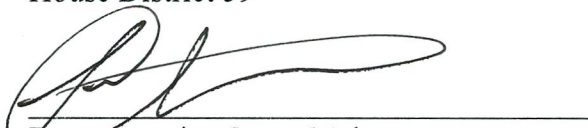
  
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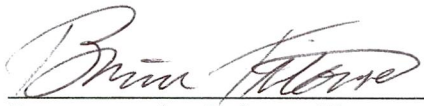
  
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