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Mr. Mike Bull- Acting Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

RE: Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Integrated Resource Plan
Docket No. ET6125/RP-25-266

Dear Mr. Bull:

On behalf of L&O Power Cooperative (L&O), I am writing to support Basin Electric Power Cooperative's (Basin Electric) request to extend the deadline for filing its full Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

L&O is a generation and transmission cooperative formed in 1952 to bring wholesale electric power to the rural electric cooperatives in southwest Minnesota and northwest Iowa. L&O has two member cooperatives in Minnesota; Sioux Valley Energy, who serves members in Rock and Pipestone Counties, and Federated Rural Electric Association, who serves members located primarily in Jackson and Martin Counties. L&O owns and operates approximately 56 miles of 115 kV of transmission lines, 125 miles of 69 kV transmission lines, and related transmission switch stations and distribution substations throughout Minnesota, Iowa, and South Dakota.

L&O is a member of Basin Electric and values the strong partnership that benefits our members. Basin Electric's commitment to working closely with its member cooperatives ensures the delivery of safe, reliable, and affordable energy. We also appreciate Basin Electric's coordination in helping us meet Minnesota's energy policies, including compliance with the Renewable Energy Standard and the upcoming Carbon-Free Standard.

It is our understanding that Basin Electric has not filed a full IRP since 2008. Now that it no longer qualifies for the optional IRP process, Basin Electric is seeking an extension until 2027 to file a comprehensive, full plan. Given the significant changes in the energy landscape since 2008, we support this request. The extension will provide both L&O and Basin Electric the necessary time to address immediate priorities while thoughtfully planning for the future during this critical period of energy transition.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 712-472-2556.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Metzger, General Manager