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From: Jacobson, Travis <travis.jacobson@mdu.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 2:44 PM
To: Nikitas, Sophie (She/Her/Hers) (PUC)
Subject: RE: Clarifications on 24-73 Great Plains RNG

Yes, this is the final language.

Travis

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Hi Travis, thank you for following up! Can you confirm this is the final language you wish to use? Once you confirm, I will file this in eDockets and update my briefing papers.

Best,
Sophie

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Well, I asked and I think we had a bit of consternation that we may or may not have been clear enough in our communication. At the end of the day, I believe this is the language that we will want to have. We would be open to filing supplemental information if you think that would be the best approach or if this communication would be sufficient we are good with that as well.

Travis

2. The Parties agree that Company will order long lead time equipment after receiving the Initial Payment as described in Section 26 without the necessity of the condition's precedent being met. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Paragraph 2, Company will transfer the long-lead equipment ordered at no cost to Supplier upon said termination. ~~The Initial Payment, should any balance remain after deducting the cost of the long lead equipment, shall also be refunded to Supplier. Should the cost of the long lead items exceed the Initial Payment (as defined below), the difference shall be due and paid to Great Plains by Producer at the time of termination.~~ Long lead time equipment to be order is shown in Exhibit C.

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From: Nikitas, Sophie (She/Her/Hers) (PUC) <sophie.nikitas@state.mn.us>

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Hello Travis,

My name is Sophie and I'm the Analyst assigned to Docket No. G004/M-24-73, regarding Great Plains' new RNG interconnection tariff. I had a clarifying question on your comments, to ensure I am interpreting them appropriately.

Please note: *this is not intended to be an ex-parte communication where information not already in the record should be shared. Should you wish to add additional information to the record, you should file a letter in the docket.*

In its Response to Reply Comments (April 22), Great Plains said "Great Plains will modify Paragraph 2 of the Interconnect Agreement to include "[a]ny balance remaining at the time the Agreement is terminated shall be due and paid to Great Plains at the time of termination" prior to the last sentence of Paragraph 2 to protect the Company and ratepayers from any potential negative balances." **Can you confirm that this is how you intend to modify the paragraph (addition in redline)?**

The Parties agree that Company will order long lead time equipment after receiving the Initial Payment as described in Section 26 without the necessity of the condition's precedent being met. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Paragraph 2, Company will transfer the long-lead equipment ordered at no cost to Supplier upon said termination. The Initial Payment, should any balance remain after deducting the cost of the long lead equipment, shall also be refunded to Supplier. [A]ny balance remaining at the time the Agreement is terminated shall be due and paid to Great Plains at the time of termination. Long lead time equipment to be order is shown in Exhibit C.

I may come back with a few more as I finalize my briefing papers, but that's all for now!

Best,
Sophie

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