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Dear Ms. Decker:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Joint Outreach Team (JOT) recommendations for the "Defining the Future" initiative.

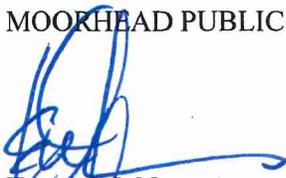
Moorhead Public Service (MPS) owns and operates the electric utility for the residents and businesses of the community of Moorhead, Minnesota. MPS receives one-half of its power supply through long-term contracts with the Western Area Power Administration (Western) Upper Great Plains Region (UGPR).

Western's core mission is to market and deliver hydropower generated at the federal multipurpose dams to preference customers at the lowest possible rate consistent with sound business principles. However, it seems the central theme of the 14 JOT recommendations focuses on integrating variable energy resources, such as solar and wind resources, and not strengthening Western's core mission. We are very concerned about the cost impacts of such recommendations. Many of the changes proposed by the JOT recommendations could result in imposing new or additional costs on Western's UGPR customers for integrating power resources that do not benefit the consumers we serve.

Please work to ensure that costs associated with the upgrade of facilities are allocated to those who benefit from the upgrades in a just and reasonable manner. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

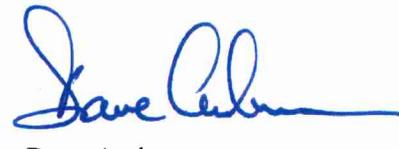
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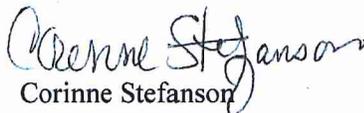
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