

Draft Public Support Letter

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
888 First St NE
Washington, DC 20426

Chairman Willie L. Phillips
Commissioner James Danly
Commissioner Allison Clements
Commissioner Mark C. Christie

**Re: Docket No. ER23-41-000, PETITION OF CORE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
FOR LIMITED WAIVER, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE FOR REMEDIAL RELIEF, SHORTENED COMMENT
PERIOD, AND EXPEDITED ACTION**

Chairman Phillips and Commissioners Danly, Clements, and Christie,

I am writing to urge your support for CORE Electric Cooperative's (CORE) Petition as referenced above and to rule in favor of CORE's request.

CORE's waiver request seeks to address the unjust and unreasonable, and unduly discriminatory treatment of the CORE Resource Solicitation Cluster (RSC) that will occur without the one-time waiver. CORE will be harmed by Public Service Company's (PSCo's) transition process as accepted by the Commission on June 2, 2023, because its application will put lower-queued projects in the Definitive Interconnection System Impact Study (DISIS) Cluster projects (DISIS-6) ahead of the higher-queued CORE RSC projects.

CORE's RSC is ready to proceed now. Application of PSCo's transition process will cause at least a one-year delay in the start of interconnection studies, and harm CORE's ability to timely serve its load and communities. This delay in process will limit CORE from pursuit of projects in the CORE RSC, all of which are viable and ready and have executed power purchase agreements (PPAs) that are necessary for CORE to meet its Resource Planning Entity (RPE) obligation to serve its load by the end of 2025. This delay will significantly impact CORE's members and the communities served by CORE, due to the uncertainty of rates and reliability associated with CORE's inability to execute upon the planned energy delivery with its PPA partners.

Our communities, businesses and citizens rely on CORE's services. As members of CORE Electric Cooperative, we all have a significant risk of having delays associated with the implementation of CORE's RSC. Please note that CORE's RSC helps our communities reach Colorado state carbon reduction requirements by delivering energy that is 80% carbon neutral. Delay in such progress is unnecessary and unjustly gives too much authority to PSCo's policies, limits CORE from delivering clean energy, and increases costs and reliability risks to CORE's cooperative members. We urge you to review CORE's Petition and find in their favor to assure that their control and operation of the power supply for our community.

Sincerely,
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