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May 15, 2020

Neal Chatterjee, Chairman
Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: FERC Docket ER20-1559-000

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As members and owners of Tri-State, we have a significant interest in our cooperative's success, and we support the direction and investments Tri-State is taking to position us as clean energy leaders in the region.

We also support Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional, which will ensure consistent wholesale rate regulation across four states and still provide for members and individuals to have a voice when Tri-State's rates change. FERC allows all members to participate and provide input into decisions before them, providing a fair and inclusive process to determine rates. We encourage FERC to preempt the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, where we as Tri-State members have been denied a voice, from adjudicating exit fees for Tri-State members.

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- Striving to reach 100% clean energy resources in Colorado by 2040 – the most ambitious goal by any utility in Colorado.
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- Committing to eliminate 100% of its emissions from coal in New Mexico and Colorado by 2030.
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JOSH DELLINGER

General Manager

Empire Electric Association (CO)



JIM LUECK

Vice President

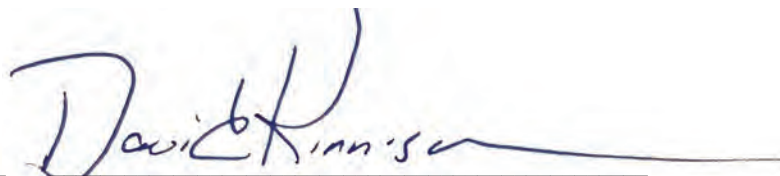
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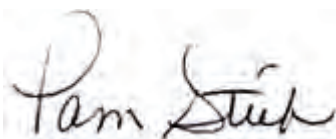
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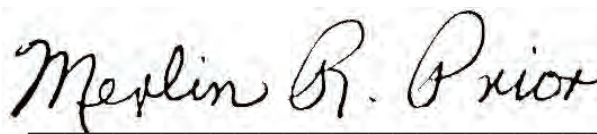
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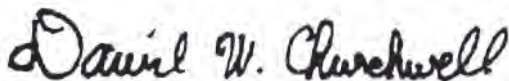
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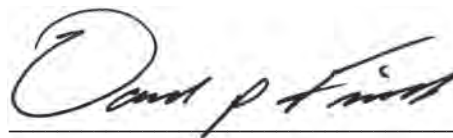
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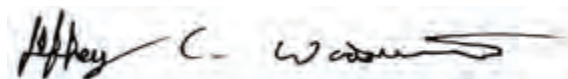
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As the energy world transitions, Tri-State is taking significant steps to meet carbon emission reduction goals and regulations, while ensuring reliable and affordable energy for our not-for-profit cooperatives and the consumers we serve in Wyoming. Tri-State is also taking steps to ensure we continue to have an equal voice in the direction of Tri-State by becoming FERC jurisdictional.

We support Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional, which will ensure consistent wholesale rate regulation across four states and still provide for members and individuals to have a voice when Tri-State's rates change. FERC allows all members to participate and provide input into decisions before them, providing a fair and inclusive process to determine rates.

As members and owners of Tri-State, we have a significant interest in our cooperative's success, and we support the direction and investments Tri-State is taking to position us as clean energy leaders in the region.

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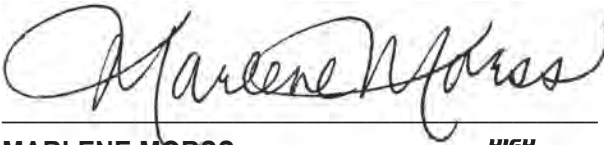
DON RUSSELL
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Wednesday, May 13, 2020

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In short, we are supportive of Tri-State's efforts to increase renewables, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and create more member flexibility – all while striving to lower its wholesale rate – and we encourage you to support us as we continue to progress toward our goals.

Sincerely,

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Russell Waldner
General Manager



Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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May 14, 2020

Dear Sir or Madam;

As the energy world transitions, Tri-State is taking significant steps to meet carbon emission reduction goals and regulations, while ensuring reliable and affordable energy for our not-for-profit cooperatives and the consumers we serve in New Mexico. It also is taking steps to ensure we continue to have an equal voice in the direction of Tri-State by becoming FERC jurisdictional.

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Regards,

Matthew Collins CEO

Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, Inc.



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Robert E. Castillo, P.E. • Chief Executive Officer and General Manager

May 18, 2020

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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
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In short, we are supportive of Tri-State's efforts to become FERC jurisdictional and to create more member flexibility – all while striving to lower its wholesale rate – and we encourage you to support us as we continue to progress toward our goals.

Sincerely,

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May 18, 2020

Dear Chairman Chatterjee and Commissioners:

As the energy world transitions, Tri-State's Responsible Energy Plan is a monumental opportunity to significantly reduce carbon emissions while ensuring reliable and affordable energy for its not-for-profit cooperatives and public power districts and the consumers served in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming.

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In short, we are supportive of Tri-State's efforts to increase renewables, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and create more member flexibility – all while striving to lower its wholesale rate – and we encourage you to support us and Tri-State as we continue to progress toward our goals.

I am signing this letter on behalf of the Gunnison County Electric Association Board of Directors. Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

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Michael J. McBride
Chief Executive Officer

HIGH WEST ENERGY



May 13, 2020

Honorable Neil Chatterjee
Chair, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
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RE: FERC Docket ER 20-1559

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission:

High West Energy is submitting this letter in support of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association's latest exit methodology tariff filing.

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Honorable Neil Chatterjee

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In short, we are supportive of Tri-State's efforts to create more member flexibility – all while striving to lower its wholesale rate – and we encourage you to support us as we continue to progress toward our goals.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

HIGH WEST ENERGY

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Brian Heithoff
CEO/General Manager

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Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative, Inc.

May 14, 2020

Neal Chatterjee, Chairman
Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street N.E.
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Dear Mr. Chatterjee and Ms. Bose:

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As members and owners of Tri-State, we have a significant interest in our cooperative's success, and we support the direction and investments Tri-State is taking to position us as clean energy leaders in the region for years to come.

We also support Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional, which will ensure consistent wholesale rate regulation across four states and still provide for members and individuals to have a voice when Tri-State's rates change. FERC allows all members to participate and provide input into decisions before them, providing a fair and inclusive process to determine rates.

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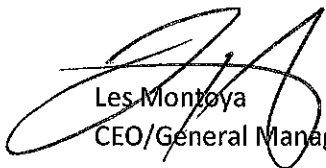
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- Making **substantial investments** in energy efficiency, beneficial electrification and electric vehicle infrastructure.

Tri-State and its members have invested significant time and energy to make significant, meaningful changes over the last year and are on a path to become a leader in the clean energy transition – but there is still a lot of work to do. We recognize that two Colorado members oppose our approach, however, we at Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative, Inc. in New Mexico along with a large majority of members strongly support these actions. We stand behind Tri-State's progressive leadership and aggressive actions, and we cannot remain silent in the face of the recent attempts to detract from our goals.

In short, Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative, Inc. is supportive of Tri-State's efforts to increase renewables, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and create more member flexibility – all while striving to lower its wholesale rate – and we encourage you to support us as we continue to progress toward our goals.

Respectfully,



Les Montoya
CEO/General Manager



A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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May 20, 2020
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RE: FERC Docket ER20-1559-000

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We also **strongly support** Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional, which will ensure fair and consistent wholesale rate regulation across four states and still provides for members and individuals to have a voice when Tri-State's rates change. FERC allows all members to participate and provide input into decisions before them, providing a fair and inclusive process to determine rates. **We encourage FERC to preempt the Colorado Public Utilities Commission**, where we as Tri-State members have been **denied a voice**, from adjudicating exit fees for Tri-State members.

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In short, we are supportive of Tri-State's efforts to increase renewables, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and create more member flexibility – all while striving to lower its wholesale rate. We encourage you to support us as we continue to progress toward our goals.

Sincerely,

Mario A. Romero
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Sandra Hendren, Manager

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Duffield".

Dennis Duffield, Manager

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Recently, Tri-State Generation & Transmission has sought regulation by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in order to provide for consistent regulation of its function of supplying wholesale electricity to its members. As is well known, Tri-State serves rural electric cooperatives or public power districts in four states – Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Nebraska. In recent years, each state in which Tri-State operates has passed or is considering legislation and/or regulation of Tri-State's operations and rates. This individual interest by each state is becoming increasingly untenable for the effective and consistent management of relationships with each member.

Tri-State has provided reliable and cost-effective wholesale electricity to its members for decades, but to continue to do that will require consistent and knowledgeable oversight and as needed, regulation of its operations and rates. I support the continuing efforts of Tri-State to acquire FERC jurisdiction and urge FERC to expedite this process.

Tri-State has demonstrated its commitment to cost effective, environmentally responsible electric production through its Responsible Energy Plan which includes:

- Striving to reach 100% clean energy resources in Colorado by 2040 – the most ambitious goal by any utility in Colorado.
- Creating the opportunity for each of our cooperative's members to use 50% renewable energy by 2024.
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The economic vitality of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative and our 7,500 members relies on the continuing success of Tri-State and its ability to provide reliable and consistent generation and transmission services.

Sincerely,

Loren H. Howard, PE
Chief Executive Officer



May 8, 2020

To FERC, Colorado Legislators, Colorado PUC, and whomever else this may concern:

As a proud member-owner of Tri-State, Sangre de Cristo Electric (SDCEA) strongly and firmly supports Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional, which will ensure consistent wholesale rate regulation across four states and still provide for members and individuals to have a voice when Tri-State's rates change.

As the energy world transitions, Tri-State's **Responsible Energy Plan** is a monumental opportunity to significantly reduce carbon emissions while ensuring reliable and affordable energy for our not-for-profit cooperatives and the consumers we serve in Colorado.

We have asked Tri-State to move forward with this economic and environmental imperative, which includes:

- Striving to reach 100% clean energy resources in Colorado by 2040 – the most ambitious goal by any utility in Colorado.
- Creating the opportunity for each of SDCEA's members to use 50% renewable energy by 2024.
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Tri-State and its member-owners (like SDCEA) have made significant, meaningful changes over the last year and are on a path to become a leader in the clean energy transition – but there is still a lot of work to do. Meanwhile, some Colorado members of Tri-State do not agree with the actions we are taking.

Sangre de Cristo Electric will not stay silent in the face of the recent attempts to distract us from our goals.

On behalf of SDCEA's member-owners, we endorse Tri-State's efforts to increase renewables, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and create more member flexibility – all while striving to lower its wholesale rate – and we encourage you to support us as we continue to progress toward our goals. If you wish to discuss this further, please email me at ceo@myelectric.coop or call me at 719-395-2412.

Sincerely,

/s/

Paul A. Erickson
Chief Executive Officer



Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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To Whom It May Concern,

As the energy world transitions, Tri-State is taking significant steps to meet carbon emission reduction goals and regulations, while ensuring reliable and affordable energy for our not-for-profit cooperatives and the consumers we serve in New Mexico. It also is taking steps to ensure we continue to have an equal voice in the direction of Tri-State by becoming FERC jurisdictional.

Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. support Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional, which will ensure consistent wholesale rate regulation across four states and still provide for members and individuals to have a voice when Tri-State's rates change. FERC allows all members to participate and provide input into decisions before them, providing a fair and inclusive process to determine rates.

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Sincerely,

Denise Barrera
General Manager

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Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) supports the direction and investments Tri-State is taking to position SEC and its other members as clean energy leaders in the region.

As the energy world rapidly transitions, Tri-State, a Cooperative Generation and Transmission Association, is taking steps to meet or exceed carbon emission reduction goals and regulations in all states in which it operates, while ensuring reliable and affordable energy for our not-for-profit distribution cooperative, SEC and the member-owners we serve in New Mexico. It is rapidly enlarging its renewable portfolio, retiring its coal generation assets, and increasing its member systems' flexibility to self-generate.

Tri-State's Board, is composed of a representative of each member system including SEC. A majority of the Board resolved to become FERC jurisdictional instead of leaving its wholesale energy rates subject to the possibly conflicting demands of four different state regulatory commissions. This step will ensure consistent wholesale rate regulation across four states, while still providing for Tri-State's members to have a voice in Tri-State's rate decisions. We do not believe that any state regulator is competent to assume the Board's authority to make decisions affecting the collective financial soundness of Tri-State's member cooperatives spread over four states.

Thank you in advance for accepting this letter on behalf of Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. in our support of Tri-State's efforts to become FERC jurisdictional.

Sincerely,

Anne L. Dorough
Board President

Joseph Herrera
General Manager





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May 13, 2020

To Whom it may concern

As the energy world transitions, Tri-State is taking significant steps to meet carbon emission reduction goals and regulations, while ensuring reliable and affordable energy for our not-for-profit cooperatives and the consumers we serve in New Mexico. It also is taking steps to ensure we continue to have an equal voice in the direction of Tri-State by becoming FERC jurisdictional.

Southwestern Electric Cooperative Inc. supports Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional, which will ensure consistent wholesale rate regulation across four states and still provide for members and individuals to have a voice when Tri-State's rates change. FERC allows all members to participate and provide input into decisions before them, providing a fair and inclusive process to determine rates.

As members and owners of Tri-State, we have a significant interest in our cooperative's success, and we support the direction and investments Tri-State is taking to position us as clean energy leaders in the region.

Tri-State and its members have made significant, meaningful changes over the last year and are on a path to become a leader in the clean energy transition – but there is still a lot of work to do. We recognize that two Colorado members do not agree with the actions we are taking, but a large majority support these actions. Until now, we have relied on Tri-State to speak on our behalf, but Southwestern Electric Cooperative Inc. cannot stay silent in the face of the recent attempts to detract from our goals.

In short, we are supportive of Tri-State's efforts to become FERC jurisdictional, increase renewables, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and create more member flexibility – all while striving to lower its wholesale rate – and we encourage you to support us as we continue to progress toward our goals.

Sincerely,

Travis Sullivan, CEO

Southwestern Electric Cooperative Inc.



White River Electric Association, Inc.

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May 12, 2020

Neal Chatterjee, Chairman
Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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RE: FERC Docket ER 20-1559

Please accept this letter on behalf of White River Electric Association, Inc., (WREA) and in support of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) jurisdiction over Tri-State Generation & Transmission (Tri-State).

As a member owner of Tri-State, WREA is vested in Tri-State's success and therefore supports Tri-State's efforts to ensure consistent regulation across its four states. Absent FERC jurisdiction, Tri-State faced the challenge of operating in four states with four different legislatures and four different PUCs. Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional ensures consistent regulation, including rate regulation, across Tri-State's territory. The FERC process allows WREA and other Tri-State member systems an open and inclusive forum in which to participate in the complicated and challenging issues facing today's electric industry.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our support for Tri-State.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Welle
Board President



Alan J. Michalewicz
General Manager/CEO



May 12, 2020

Honorable Neil Chatterjee,
Chair, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

RE: FERC Docket ER 20-1559

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission:

Wyrulec Company Inc., "A Wyoming Rural Electric Cooperative," is submitting this letter in support of Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional and in support of their latest exit methodology tariff filing.

Wyrulec has supported and continues to support Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional. We believe Tri-State becoming FERC jurisdictional will ensure consistent wholesale rate regulation across four states and still provide for members and individuals to have a voice when Tri-State's rates change. FERC allows all members to participate and provide input into decisions before them, providing a fair and inclusive process to determine rates.

Wyrulec Company shares the same contractual obligations as all other members of Tri-State. Our members share in the costs and margins of Tri-State through the approved postage stamp rate. Our members will also share in the costs of any decision that any one state "non-impartial" regulatory or legislative body decides to make for Tri-State and its members.

The cooperative business model is all about what is best for the group, not just a few in the group. We feel the move to FERC will ensure decisions are made in the best interest of all Tri-State's members. Wyrulec supports Tri-State's move to FERC and supports their exit methodology tariff filing.

We sincerely appreciate your time and consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,



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