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Tech Forum

Bonneville Power Administration
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Re: BP14 Transmission Rate Case – NT Customers’ Utility Delivery Charge Proposal
[Submitted Electronically to techforum@bpa.gov]

Vigilante Electric Cooperative, Inc. (VEC) is one of the utilities that is caught in the web of being subject to the BPA Low Voltage Utility Delivery Charge while being served by transfer over the Northwestern Energy system in Montana. We feel that we are unfairly charged by BPA for low voltage delivery costs that BPA does not incur. In essence, we are subsidizing others in the region under this rate.

While the \$63,000 that we have paid over the past year is not an amount that will break VEC, it still amounts to dollars that could be used elsewhere. Since we do not have the ability to purchase the facilities we basically have no other options under this BPA rate.

Given that we have little choice on this issue we must support the position of NRU to fix the Low Voltage Delivery Charge over the next three rate periods, and we hope that BPA will address the unfairness of this charge for GTA customers that are in a similar situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Low Voltage Delivery Charge.

Sincerely,

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