

Submission Description: (doc-less) Motion to Intervene of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association under EL21-99-000.

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EL21-99-000 Complaint, of Michael Mabee under EL21-____.

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Basis for Intervening:

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) moves to intervene as a party to this proceeding under Commission Rule 214, 18 C.F.R. Â§ 385.214 (2020).

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) is the national trade association representing nearly 900 local electric cooperatives and other rural electric utilities. America's electric cooperatives are owned by the people that they serve and comprise a unique sector of the electric industry. From suburbs to remote farming communities, electric cooperatives power 1 in 8 Americans and serve as engines of economic development for 42 million Americans across 56 percent of the nation's landscape.

Electric cooperatives operate at cost and without a profit incentive. NRECA's member cooperatives include 63 generation and transmission (G&T) cooperatives and 832 distribution cooperatives. The G&Ts generate and transmit power to distribution cooperatives that then provide it to the end of line co-op consumer-members. Collectively, cooperative G&Ts generate and transmit power to nearly 80 percent of the distribution cooperatives in the nation. The remaining distribution cooperatives receive power directly from other generation sources within the electric utility sector. Both distribution and G&T cooperatives share an obligation to serve their members by providing safe, reliable, and affordable electric service.

Pursuant to Rule 214, NRECA submits the following in support of its Motion to Intervene. On August 31, 2021, Michael Mabee filed a complaint alleging that entities in the US Bulk Power System, as well as the overall US electric grid, are buying critical equipment from the People's Republic of China, and petitioning the Commission to order mandatory reliability standards for equipment and monitoring systems marketed from the People's Republic of China. As the national association for electric cooperatives that utilize and coordinate Bulk Power System activities, NRECA has members that may be impacted by petitioner's complaint. Thus, the participation of NRECA is in the public interest. Accordingly, NRECA moves to intervene as a party to this proceeding.

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