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GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary of Energy
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Support for GRIP Application DE-FOA-00002740

Dear Secretary Granholm:

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter of support to the US Department of Energy's Grid Deployment Office in support of the Joint Targeted Interconnection Queue (JTIQ) Transmission Project Portfolio Grid Resilience and Innovative Partnerships (GRIP) application.

The JTIQ project portfolio represents an innovative transmission planning and cost allocation solution to the persistent challenge of identifying interregional transmission projects and reliably interconnecting new generation resources in the region of the MISO – SPP seam. The innovative planning process developed by MISO and SPP, in tandem with utility, developer, and state partners, has led to a successful and repeatable process to identify and implement needed grid infrastructure investments to improve grid reliability, resilience, and affordability in the region.

Further, the efforts of the project team in developing this GRIP application demonstrate a commitment to ensuring maximum benefits flow to all customers throughout the SPP and MISO regions. Specifically, through this GRIP application these JTIQ transmission projects will:

- Support clean energy deployment in Kansas to support achieving our clean energy and carbon reduction goals
- Support local economic development within and around communities in much of eastern and central Kansas
- Improve grid reliability and resilience by expanding interregional transfer capability between MISO and SPP.

Thank you for your consideration to fully fund this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Kelly", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Laura Kelly
Governor of Kansas