

U.S. House of Representatives
Rep. Sharice L. Davids
Kansas Third District

May 4, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm,

As the U.S. Representative for the Third District of Kansas, I am writing to ask for your consideration of the Joint Targeted Interconnection Queue (JTIQ) Portfolio application to the Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) program (FOA 2740) – funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

As you know, delivering interregional transmission and onboarding new generation resources are unique challenges that are critical to providing Americans with reliable, affordable, and clean energy. The JTIQ Portfolio project – which would benefit customers covered by the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) – is an innovative transmission planning and cost allocation solution to those challenges along the SPP – MISO seam. This proposal includes seven thoroughly studied projects that would fully address current transmission constraints and barriers to developing new generation.

The JTIQ Portfolio projects would provide a significant economic benefit to customers in Kansas and throughout the region, including a \$247-million benefit in the SPP operating area and a \$724-million benefit in the MISO operating area. Additionally, these projects will support further clean energy deployment and improve grid reliability and resilience by expanding interregional transfer capability between SPP and MISO.

I kindly request that you give this application your full and fair consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Eric Dunay at Eric.Dunay@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-2865.

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids
Member of Congress