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DECLARATION OF IMPENDING U.S. ENERGY CRISIS

June 15, 2023

Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc. (“Moon Lake”) is a non-profit rural electric cooperative operating in Northeastern Utah and Northwestern Colorado. Established in 1938, Moon Lake possesses: (1) a total of 24,121 electric meters; (2) 70,903 power poles; (3) 287 miles of underground distribution line; (4) 3,524 miles of overhead distribution line; and (5) 367 miles of transmission line as of year-end 2022. As a rural cooperative, Moon Lake serves a diverse group of members including farmers, ranchers, commercial and industrial stakeholders, the Ute Indian Tribe, and many others – it’s a privilege to serve the membership.

Moon Lake’s Mission Statement is four simple words: Reliability, Accountability, Transparency, and Safety. Each tenet is patently manifested daily through the actions of Moon Lake’s board of directors, management team, and employees. In addition to the mission statement, Moon Lake takes great pride in the affordability of its power rates for the membership – residential customers pay approximately five (\$0.05) cents per kilowatt hour which provides a high standard of living to many underserved communities within Moon Lake’s service territory.

Moon Lake is deeply concerned with the United States’ (“U.S.”) impending energy crisis. There is a growing trend of decommissioning many of the existing dispatchable power generation resources across the country without viable replacements. Demand for energy continues to increase while the supply of reliable and affordable electricity follows a downward trajectory leaving the nation’s populous with an electricity deficiency. As the electricity deficiency progresses, it will result in higher cost of electricity to the “Average Joe” domestically. In other words, those with greater financial means will be able to afford electricity while the less fortunate will have to go without – this crisis cannot be tolerated. The largely non-dispatchable nature of new generation resources also has great potential to result in grid instability and blackout conditions. These threats not only impact the current standards of living and the nation’s economy, but more importantly U.S. national security.

For example, the U.S. federal government and specifically the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is promoting the premature closure of numerous coal-fired power plants, that provide reliable, non-intermittent base load electricity to communities throughout the country, commencing in 2025. Regionally, coal-fired power plant units located in (1) Craig, Colorado, (2) Hayden, Colorado, (3) Delta, Utah are all scheduled to decommission without any announced base load replacements with proven fuel stock. One might question the reasoning behind these governmental actions. Moon Lake fully supports the “all-of-the-above” approach to fuel sources that include: hydroelectric power, clean coal, natural gas, solar, wind, geothermal, nuclear, and other proven fuel stocks.



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The North American Electric Reliability Corporation recently released, on May 19, 2023, an article that questions America’s ability to keep the lights on.¹

Contributing Factors are:

- Premature retirements of conventional generation;
- Substantial increase in electricity demand;
- Increases in widespread summer heat events;
- Recent Environmental Protection Agency rules that may force generators to meet “emissions restrictions primarily by limiting hours of operation;”
- Supply chain issues;
- Fuel Delivery risks related to the availability of natural gas and coal.

As such, Moon Lake respectfully warns the U.S. government, State of Utah, State of Colorado, and local governmental officials of the impending dangers to current standards of living, the nation’s economy, and U.S. national security. Moon Lake beseeches all government officials to articulate, promulgate, and implement “common sense” rationale to the U.S. energy policies thereby mitigating the foreseeable energy crisis and calamities that await. As a rural community with numerous underserved communities, Moon Lake implores all governmental officials to take action now.

¹ Refer to
<https://nreca.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT0yNzQzMdI1JnA9MSZ1PTUzMjc3MDk4MyZsaT0yOTIwMzM5OQ/index.html>



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BOARD RATIFICATION OF IMPENDING U.S. ENERGY CRISIS

BE IT KNOWN, the board of directors of this non-profit corporation, consent and agree to ratify the following corporate declaration which was made on or about June 15, 2023 at Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc.'s ("Moon Lake") corporate headquarters located at 800 West Highway 40, P.O. Box 278, Roosevelt, Utah 84066 or through electronic mail correspondence.

WHEREFORE, IT BEING DECLARED, that Moon Lake fully ratifies, recognizes and endorses its Declaration of Impending U.S. Energy Crisis dated June 15, 2023;

DECLARED, that the current U.S. Energy Policy does not align with the best interests of the American people including Moon Lake's cooperative membership;

FURTHER DECLARED, that Moon Lake truly implores the U. S. government, State of Utah, State of Colorado, and local governmental officials to articulate, promulgate, and implement "common sense" rationale to U.S. Energy Policy thereby mitigating the foreseeable energy crisis and calamities that await.

The board of directors of this non-profit corporation hereby unanimously agreed to carry out this corporate declaration.

The president of the non-profit corporation certifies that the declaration was duly ratified and adopted by Moon Lake's board of directors on or about June 15, 2023. Signatory attests to the same.



CEO/ General Manager Yankton Johnson

6/20/2023

Date