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Ms. Terri Lemoine Bordelon
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Re: ~~In~~ Re: Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Application for Approval of a Replacement Advanced Metering System

Dear Ms. Bordelon:

On behalf of Concordia Electric Cooperative, I am enclosing the original and three copies of Concordia Electric Cooperative's Application for Louisiana Public Service Commission Certification of a Replacement Advanced Metering System to be filed with your office.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your courtesy and assistance with this matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

V. Russell Purvis

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BEFORE THE
LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CONCORDIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. _____

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF A
REPLACEMENT ADVANCE METERING SYSTEM

**APPLICATION OF CONCORDIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
FOR LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CERTIFICATION
OF A REPLACEMENT ADVANCED METERING SYSTEM**

Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Concordia" or "Company"), through undersigned counsel, files this application for certification of a replacement advanced metering system ("AMS"), pursuant to Louisiana Public Service Commission's ("LPSC") Order R-29213. Concordia respectfully requests that the LPSC certify the Company's replacement AMS program and declare the deployment of the replacement program to be prudent.

I. BACKGROUND

Concordia is a rural electric cooperative serving approximately 13,000 retail customers in the Parishes of Concordia, Catahoula, LaSalle, Rapides and Grant.

Concordia sought and received certification for an AMS system under LPSC Order No. U-34658 dated October 18, 2018. This system utilized Landis & Gyr ("L&G") equipment.

Concordia has been experiencing meter failure problems with the L&G system and efforts with L&G to resolve these issues have not resulted in a satisfactory solution resulting in Concordia's decision to terminate the L&G contract and seek a new system.

Concordia is submitting this current certification request for a replacement AMS system (Aclara) to the L&G and old power line carrier system (TS-1), both of which are continuing to fail causing an increase in the number of manual meter readings.

Concordia estimates that the cost of this replacement program will be \$2.95 million. Concordia will apply for a loan to finance this system and will apply to the LPSC for a Letter of Non-Opposition to that borrowing. Concordia is seeking approval from the LPSC so that costs may be considered and recovered as a component of the Formula Rate Plan that is now in place. No surcharge will be made therefore, costs will not be allocated in any manner within or between customer classes.

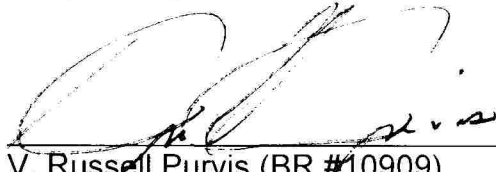
II. CERTIFICATION UNDER THE LPSC'S AMS GENERAL ORDER

Concordia submits as an integral part of its application for certification of a replacement AMS system the testimony of Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s General Manager, Dewayne Bailey, and Roger D. Comeaux (P.E.). These testimonies and exhibits address each of the requirements contained in LPSC General Order R-29213 for the approval of AMS systems.

WHEREFORE, for the above and foregoing reasons, Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc., pursuant to Section 3 of the LPSC's General Order, respectfully requests that the Commission certify its replacement AMS program and find the AMS program is prudent, approving Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s purchase and installation of a replacement advanced metering system.

This ____ day of November, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'V. Russell Purvis', is written over a horizontal line.

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