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### Via Email

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Re: Docket No. 26-030-01 - *Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc.'s 2025 Wildland Fire Protection Plan Compliance Report*

Dear Mr. Miles,

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc.'s ("MLEA") January 22, 2026, filing of its 2025 Wildland Fire Protection Plan Compliance Report ("Report") pursuant to Utah Code § 54-24-203(4). The Report describes work items completed in the past year, and costs incurred in 2025 to administer the Wildfire Protection Plan ("WFPP").

MLEA states it adhered to its mandatory inspection rotations to ensure system reliability and safety. Specifically, MLEA states that all transmission lines were inspected in 2025 with the next cycle scheduled for 2027, distribution lines are inspected on a three-year rotation, with high-risk areas inspected annually, and drones were utilized to inspect crossarms and insulators for equipment integrity. MLEA also states it installed new reclosers in high-risk areas and substations that feature remote communication, allowing the dispatch center to administer ground fault and non-reclosing protection. The total investment for 2025 infrastructure and WFPP administration exceeded \$2 million, spent as follows: (1) Pole Inspections/Replacements: \$1,142,745.73 (approx. 69 percent in Utah, 31 percent in

Colorado), (2) WFPP administration: \$900,043.93 (approx. 96 percent in Utah, 4 percent in Colorado).<sup>1</sup>

The PSC also reviewed the comments filed by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) on February 11, 2026. The DPU comments that MLEA's Board of Directors reviewed and approved of the Report on January 21, 2026. Additionally, the DPU highlighted several major mitigation actions taken by MLEA. Specifically, the DPU states MLEA inspected all transmission lines and focused annual inspections on high-risk areas, inspected 7,392 poles with 580 identified for replacement, rebuilt 16 miles of line, replaced older reclosers with electronic models to enhance fault protection, and cleared approximately 16 miles of line rights-of-way. The DPU also states that MLEA reported spending \$1,142,746 on pole activities and \$900,044 for general WFPP administration.

The DPU supports the filing and recommends the PSC acknowledge that MLEA has complied with the filing requirements in Utah Code § 54-24-203(4)(b). The DPU made the following recommendations:

- Reporting Period: Use a full 12-month calendar-year period to ensure data is comparable and useful.
- Submission Deadline: Submit future annual reports to the governing board by June 1st of each year to align with requirements for investor-owned utilities.
- Transparency: Report actual performance metrics and costs directly alongside the planned goals and budgets from the original approved plan.
- Cost Categorization: Separate fire suppression costs from fire mitigation costs to provide a clearer picture of activities and their effectiveness.

Based on the PSC's review of the Report and the DPU's comments and recommendation, the PSC acknowledges the Report complies with Utah Code § 54-24-203(4). Pursuant to Utah Code § 54-24-203(5)(b), the Report is available for public inspection at the PSC's offices and on its website.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
PSC Secretary  
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<sup>1</sup> Report at 1. Administrative costs cover personnel, contractors, materials, and vegetation management.