



# West River Electric Association, Inc.

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

## Home Office

1200 West Fourth Ave.  
PO Box 412  
Wall, SD 57790-0412  
Telephone: (605) 279-2135  
Toll Free: 1-888-279-2135

## Branch Office

3250 E. Hwy. 44  
PO Box 3486  
Rapid City, SD 57709-3486  
Telephone: (605) 393-1500  
Toll Free: 1-888-393-1500

July 20, 2015

Pauline Sumption  
Finance Officer  
City of Rapid City  
300 Sixth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701-5035

**\*\*Sent via Email\*\***

Dear Ms. Sumption:

We would like to renew our Electric Cooperative Revenue Agreement between The City of Rapid City and West River Electric Association, Inc. and Black Hills Electric Cooperative for future years. I have also enclosed an updated agreement that can be signed. Our current agreement ends this year.

What I am asking for is a 5 year agreement that would extend this agreement for 2016-2020 instead of renewing each year. Our attorney feels we can do a 5 year agreement. I also have had concurrence from Wade Nyberg in the City attorney's office that we could agree to a 5 year term

I have also asked to lower the rate from 1% to .75% in 2017-2020. We have reviewed the amounts and feel that .75% is still well above what we would be paying on an ad valorem basis. As we had discussed, the amounts had been budgeted already for 2016, so we will leave that at 1%. I have also attached a short FAQ sheet and graph that should answer most of the questions.

If you have any further questions, or need more information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard Johnson, CEO/General Manager

CC: Walker Witt BHEC

RDJ/rj

### **Mission Statement:**

*West River Electric Association, Inc. shall strive to continually improve customer service and satisfaction by providing safe, reliable, efficient and reasonably priced electricity and services, while leading in the development of our community for the well being of our members.*