

POSITION STATEMENT: DATA CENTERS AND LARGE ELECTRIC LOADS

Crow Wing Power is a member-owned electric cooperative. Our first obligation is to protect the financial interests, stability, and service reliability of our existing members. This obligation governs our approach to any proposed data center or large electric load seeking service in our territory.

Crow Wing Power's position is not whether a data center would be served; it is the terms under which service would be provided. Those terms are guided by one principle: cost causers are cost payers. New large loads may pursue service in our territory, provided they bear the full cost and risk of that service. No financial burden or long-term risk will be placed on existing residential, commercial, or agricultural members as a result.

To ensure fairness, transparency, and grid integrity, the following principles apply to any proposed data center or large-load project:

1. Power Supply and Transmission Adequacy

Crow Wing Power will enter into a service agreement only when an ample, reliable, and secure power supply is confirmed. Power supply and transmission capacity will be verified in coordination with our generation and transmission partner, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, prior to project approval.

2. Cost Allocation and Member Protection

The developer is responsible for all infrastructure required to serve its load. This includes grid upgrades, dedicated substations, transmission lines, and engineering studies. Existing members will not subsidize these costs.

3. Rate Fairness

Large-load service will be structured to isolate associated risk — including power supply costs, demand charges, and market volatility — from the rest of the membership. Existing member rates will not increase as a result of large-load additions to the system.

4. Grid Reliability

Large-load service will not compromise power quality or reliability for existing members. Crow Wing Power and Basin Electric will maintain oversight to protect grid stability and ensure existing members bear no cost or risk from large-load growth.