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June 6, 2025

Mr. Richard Campbell, Board Chair
Western Electricity Coordinating Council ("WECC")
155 North 400 West, Suite 200
Salt Lake City, UT 84103

Re: M-RETS and WREGIS Collaboration Agreement

Dear Mr. Richard Campbell:

I am writing in my capacity as Board Chair of the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (M-RETS) to (1) outline M-RETS' position regarding the current collaboration agreement between our organizations and (2) provide clarity regarding WECC and WREGIS plans to transition out of this arrangement by the end of 2027. Given the significance of this issue to M-RETS, and the possible disruption to services that would affect WECC and M-RETS customers, I believe this situation demands direct communication between Board Chairs.

On September 13, 2024, the M-RETS Board voted to terminate the current collaboration agreement and notified WECC's General Council of this decision. Rather than the intended strategic partnership which aligned with M-RETS' mission, the agreement ended up imposing significant financial burden on M-RETS subscribers, created unsustainable demands on internal resources, and re-directed development capacity away from initiatives core to our nonprofit mission. M-RETS intended the early notice of termination to open discussions around restructuring the relationship to reduce risks—operational, financial, and reputational. WECC subsequently exercised its right to extend the agreement through December 2027.

We note previous comments from WECC leadership that they could sell or transfer WREGIS and its users' data to a new provider; and that WECC hired a consultant to advise the WECC leadership regarding a transaction. We reiterate that M-RETS has no interest in nor expectations in such an outcome. We are aware that recent discussions, such as during the WREGIS Stakeholder Advisory Committee call, suggest WREGIS must select a new provider. From our perspective, that is not necessary and will cause significant risk for reasons we can detail if requested. As of this date, M-RETS has not been contacted or involved in any evaluation of the options by the WECC consultant.

M-RETS remains committed to supporting functioning renewable markets as an essential goal of our organization. The most efficient, cost effective, and least risky path forward for all stakeholders and customers is for Western states to adopt the M-RETS platform directly. M-RETS has no interest in the substantial operating reserve funds that WECC maintains on behalf of WREGIS users. Ultimately, we realize that having an intermediary in between the M-RETS management and software team and the

customers sets up the relationship for significant communications failures. Regulators, generators, consumers, and other stakeholders working directly with the software team will increase efficiency, reduce costs, and contribute to a better system for all involved. That can be achieved by subscribing directly to the M-RETS platform.

M-RETS previously presented potential go-forward pathways to WECC's General Council initially in a memo dated October 7, 2024, followed by a draft letter of intent:

1. **Program Acquisition:** M-RETS would acquire the full WREGIS program—including the system, staff, and related responsibilities. To support the acquisition option, M-RETS provided a Letter of Intent outlining key terms. M-RETS has since received no response to that letter. This is no longer deemed an option and **M-RETS formally withdraws any prior offers made including the Letter of Intent submitted to WECC General Counsel.**
2. **Software Licensing:** WECC would license the M-RETS software platform and directly manage ongoing system operations. WECC's legal counsel has indicated WECC is not interested in a licensing arrangement. **This was no longer deemed an option as communicated by WECC General Counsel, and M-RETS agrees; thus, M-RETS formally withdraws any prior offers made regarding a licensing of the software platform.**

Despite past challenges, M-RETS remains committed to honoring its contractual and ethical obligations through the remainder of the term until December 2027. In the interim, M-RETS notes that the current platform is robust and provides valuable service to stakeholders, supported by a highly capable team. We hope this direct communication supports WECC in planning its path forward.

Sincerely,



Jim Jones

Board Chair, M-RETS on behalf of M-RETS Board of Directors