

## **RESOLUTION** 2025 - 02

## Authorization of Electronic Ballots for the 2025 Election and Annual Meeting

**WHEREAS**, on June 6, 2023, the members of La Plata Electric Association, Inc. (LPEA) voted to amend its Bylaws and allow the Board of Directors to authorize voting by "secure and verifiable electronic transmission system ("Electronic Ballot")"; and

**WHEREAS,** in Resolution 2024-12, the Board of Directors appointed Survey and Ballot Systems to serve as LPEA's Independent Third Party under Policy 105 and

**WHEREAS**, according to data collected by Survey and Ballot Systems, more than 70% of the coops they facilitate elections for nationwide (including a significant majority of those they work with in Colorado) have moved to a hybrid election model with both paper and electronic ballots and doing so increased their average voter participation rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of the cooperative and its membership to offer electronic ballots for the 2025 election and annual meeting.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of La Plata Electric Association, Inc. authorizes voting by electronic ballot for the 2025 election and annual meeting in accordance with Article II, Section 5 of its Bylaws.

I, Nicole Pitcher., Secretary of La Plata Electric Association, Inc., do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of La Plata Electric Association, Inc., at a regular meeting held in Durango, Colorado, on January 22, 2025, at which meeting a quorum of directors was present and voting.

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Nicole Pitcher., Secretary

Dated at Durango, Colorado, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2025

