Case Number: DA 23-0575

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA CASE No. DA 23-0575

RIKKI HELD, et al.,

Plaintiffs and Appellees,

v.

THE STATE OF MONTANA, et al.,

Defendants and Appellants.

Appeal from the Montana First Judicial Court Lewis and Clark County The Honorable Kathy Seeley, Presiding District Court Cause No. CDV 2020-307

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL ENERGY COMPANY, LLC'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE

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The Court has considered the Motion for Leave to File Brief of Amicus Curiae of Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC"), and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED.

NTEC's Amicus Brief shall be due ten (10) calendar days after Appellants file their Opening Brief.

Dated this day of January, 2024.
For the Court,

Justice