

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL		)
INFORMATION CENTER, <i>et al.</i> ,		)
		)
Plaintiffs,		)
		)
v.	Civil Action No. 07-1311 (JR)	)
		)
EDWARD T. SCHAFER, <sup>1/</sup> in his official		)
capacity as Secretary of Agriculture, <i>et al.</i> ,		)
		)
Federal Defendants,		)
		)
and		)
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SOUTHERN MONTANA ELECTRIC		)
GENERATION & TRANSMISSION		)
COOPERATIVE, INC.,		)
		)
Defendant-Intervenor.		)
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**JOINT STIPULATION FOR DISMISSAL**

COME NOW the parties -- plaintiffs Montana Environmental Information Center, Citizens for Clean Energy, and the Sierra Club (“Plaintiffs”); defendants Edward T. Schafer, in his official capacity as Secretary of Agriculture; James Andrew, in his official capacity as Administrator of Rural Utilities Service; and Richard Fristik, in his official capacity as Senior Environmental Protection Specialist for Rural Utilities Service (“Federal Defendants”); and intervenor Southern

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<sup>1/</sup> Edward T. Schafer was confirmed by the Senate and sworn in as Secretary of Agriculture on January 28, 2008, and is automatically substituted for acting Secretary Charles F. Conner pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d).

Montana Electric Generation & Transmission Cooperative, Inc. ("Defendant-Intervenor") -- and hereby agree by stipulation, pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to dismiss this case without prejudice, each party to bear its own fees and costs.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of March 2008.

**ON BEHALF OF ALL PLAINTIFFS:**

Dated: March 20, 2008

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