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RE: ***Ex parte* Communication in Case No. PU-06-421**

Dear Sir or Madam:

On July 26, 2007 the Commission received an email with an attached letter from Paul Mathews [Farmerpost@hotmail.com] concerning Case No. PU-06-421. The email stated:

"Mr. Fahn: Attached is a letter I have drafted to the Commissioners which I hope is self explanatory. Could you forward the letter to them?
Thank you,
Paul Mathews"

A copy of the July 26, 2007 letter from Paul Mathews that was attached to the email is enclosed. I have placed a copy of the original July 26, 2007 email from Paul Mathews in the Public Input folder in this proceeding because it contained prior correspondence between Mr. Mathews and myself that had been previously placed in the Public Input folder.

Subsection 6 of Section 28-32-37 of the North Dakota Century Code states that:

> An agency head or hearing officer in an adjudicative proceeding who receives an ex parte communication in violation of this section shall place on the record of the pending matter all written communications received, all written responses to the communications, or a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received, all responses made, and the identity of each person from whom the person received an ex parte oral communication, and shall advise all parties, interested persons, and other persons allowed to participate that these matters have been placed on the record. Any person desiring to rebut the ex parte communication must be allowed to do so, upon requesting the opportunity for rebuttal. A request for rebuttal must be made within ten days after notice of the communication.

Sincerely

Patrick Fahn

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