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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ms. Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco:

The Office of Attorney General has examined the proposed amendments to N.D.A.C. ch. 69-09-05.1 concerning accounting rules for electric and gas utilities (Case No. PU-06-486), along with the notice of the proposed rules, the publication of that notice, and the filing of that notice with the Legislative Council. This office has also determined that 1) a written record of the agency's consideration of any comments to the proposed rules was made, 2) a regulatory analysis was not issued or requested, 3) a takings assessment was prepared, 4) a small entity regulatory analysis and an economic impact statement were not prepared because the rules do not affect small entities, and 5) the proposed rules are within the agency's statutory authority.

These administrative rules are in compliance with N.D.C.C. ch. 28-32 and are hereby approved as to their legality. Upon final adoption, these rules may be filed with the Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Trenbeath
Chief Deputy Attorney General

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cc: John Walstad, Legislative Council