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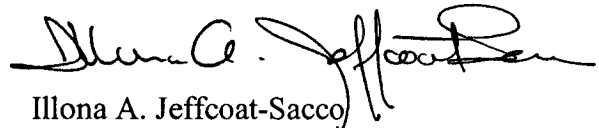
RE: Gas Safety Rulemaking
Case No. GS-11-79

Dear Attorney General Stenehjem:

Enclosed please find the Small Entity Economic Impact Statement you requested.

Thank you for your consideration of the rules. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email.

Best regards,



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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Public Service Commission
2011 Gas Pipeline Safety
Rulemaking**

Case No. GS-11-79

**Small Entity Economic Impact Statement
October 14, 2011**

The purpose of this rulemaking is to adopt, by reference in state administrative rule, the most recent amendments to pipeline safety regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Small Entity Economic Impact Statement

N.D.C.C. § 28-32-08.1(3) requires that before adoption of any proposed rule that may have an adverse impact on small entities, the adopting agency shall prepare an economic impact statement that includes consideration of:

- a. The small entities subject to the proposed rule;
- b. The administrative and other costs required for compliance with the proposed rule;
- c. The probable cost and benefit to private persons and consumers who are affected by the proposed rule;
- d. The probable effect of the proposed rule on state revenues;
and
- e. Any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

Since no additional requirements are being imposed, there will be no adverse impact on small entities as a result of the proposed rule change.