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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
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**Case No. PU-12-162**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STAFF TESTIMONY**

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My name is Jerry Lein. I am employed as a Public Utility Analyst with the Public Service Commission. The purpose of my testimony is to explain and provide support for changes proposed to the Commission's administrative rules in section 69-09-02-35 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. This section adopts the National Electric Safety Code (NESC) by reference.

The NESC is updated periodically, with a new edition issued every five years. The changes proposed would simply adopt the latest NESC 2012 Edition instead of the previously adopted 2007 Edition. The purpose of adopting the 2012 Edition is to ensure that North Dakota safety requirements keep pace with industry standards. In practice, the utilities are very committed to safety and are already applying the 2007 Edition.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time. Thank you.