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EXHIBIT "A"

MEMORANDUM

TO: MJM

FROM: KJD

DATE: May 19, 2016

RE: Auto-Owners/ Grand Forks Bean Co, Inc. – 1914-7046

Issue: Details on communication with the Attorney General's office and on what they charge government agencies for legal work.

Answer: I spoke with Michelle Metzger, an Accounting/ Budget Specialist at the Attorney General's office who explained that they charge \$129.17 per hour for attorney work and \$81.68 per hour for paralegal work.

On May 18, 2016, Jill Guingcangco called the Attorney General's office at 701-328-2210 in an attempt to find out how much they charge government agencies for legal work. She left a voicemail message and did not hear back for the remainder of the day.

On May 19, 2016, the Attorney General's office returned Jill's phone call and left a voicemail message to return their call. Jill returned their phone call and left another message. At approximately 2:00 pm, the Attorney General's office called again and the phone call was transferred to me. I spoke with Michelle Metzger, an Accounting/ Budget Specialist in the Finance Department and asked her how much their office charges government agencies, like the PSC in legal fees for work. Ms. Metzger explained that they charge \$129.17 per hour.

At 2:25 pm, I called the Attorney General's office back to verify that I had the correct last name and position of Ms. Metzger. She verified the information and reiterated that the office charges at a rate of \$129.17 per hour of legal work for attorneys and \$81.68 per hour for paralegal work.