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Via Electronic Submission

November 14, 2022

Mr. Steven Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 50505

Re: Case No. PU-22-147

Dear Mr. Kahl:

The North Dakota League of Cities (NDLC) submits the following comments in response to the North Dakota Public Service Commission's request for comment on the electrification of transportation dated October 3, 2022. The notice of issues states several issues; however, NDLC's comments are only on the issue of whether ownership of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations should be permitted by regulated utilities.

NDLC represents North Dakota's 355 incorporated cities and their over 1,500 elected officials. Our mission is to empower North Dakota communities. One of the ways to empower North Dakota communities is to ensure that cities of all sizes have access to necessary infrastructure and technology. For cities, especially smaller cities, to bring infrastructure and technology to their cities, they need the ability to work with a variety of different partners.

As you are aware, EV use across the United States is growing. North Dakota cities, of all sizes, will need to find ways to bring EV charging station infrastructure to their communities. In order to attract EV charging infrastructure to cities, cities will need the ability to work with a variety of different partners, including regulated utilities. The need for access to a variety of partners is especially acute in North Dakota's small cities. As such, NDLC urges the PSC not to create any rules that prohibit regulated utilities from owning EV charging stations.

Sincerely,

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