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Dr. Mr. Kahl,

On behalf of our FMWF Chamber President & CEO, please see the attached letter in response to case number PU-22-147.

Sincerely,
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Mr. Steven M. Kahl, Executive Director
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RE: Electrification of Transportation Comments (Case No. PU-22-147)

Dear Mr. Kahl:

The Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce, representing over 1,900 members and 190,000 employees across eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota, submits the following comment in response to the Commission's posed question regarding ownership of electric vehicle charging stations by regulated utilities. As a catalyst for growth and prosperity, through promoting free enterprise, The Chamber believes that regulated utilities should be permitted to own electric vehicle charging stations.

Allowing investor-owned utilities, along with numerous other types of business entities, to participate in the market of owning electric vehicle charging stations creates a competitive business environment where the market can respond to consumer demand. Additionally, regulated utilities are well equipped to ensure that electric vehicle infrastructure is coordinated and well-positioned in the communities they serve.

The Chamber recognizes the importance of infrastructure to the success of various business sectors and the overall community. Allowing for regulated utilities to invest in electric vehicle charging stations, is a step towards ensuring our state's infrastructure is prepared for the future evolution of transportation. Utilities are well-positioned to work unilaterally or in tandem with other stakeholders to ensure distribution network upgrades that enable electric vehicle interconnection in communities where overall power demand could otherwise force capital-intensive substation or transmission improvements.

A business-friendly climate that encourages private sector investment, is key to our state's continued economic success. With this, The FMWF Chamber reasons that regulated utilities should be permitted to own electric vehicle charging stations.

Sincerely,

Shannon Full
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