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Ms. Patricia VanGerpen
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: TC08-031 Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. VanGerpen:

The parties to the above docket have not been successful in either settlement nor have they agreed regarding the proper procedure moving forward. In an effort to find resolution, Staff asks the Commission to schedule an evidentiary hearing and issue a Scheduling Order. Alternatively, Staff asks the Commission Order the parties engage in scheduling discussions with Commission Counsel to ultimately set a hearing date.

Sincerely,

Kara Semmler

cc. Meredith Moore
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