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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

RE: New Docket, Formal Complaint

Ms. Van Gerpen:

Attached for filing please find a consumer complaint received by the Commission's Consumer Affairs Program. Included are public and confidential versions of the complaint.

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:08.01, Staff attempted to resolve the matter informally prior to filing this matter as a formal complaint. Having been unable to informally resolve the matter, Staff requests a docket be opened at this time.

This complaint is being served upon attorney for Respondent by copy of this correspondence. This correspondence shall also serve as notice pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:09 of Respondent's opportunity to answer within 20 days of receipt of this filing.

Regards,

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