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Subject: PUC Ex Parte Communication

Mr. Nelson,

This is in response to your email to South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners Fiegen, Hanson and Nelson sent on July 22, 2024, titled Auto Industry and Electric Utility Industries Must 'Work Together' on Electric Vehicle Transition.

Communications with commissioners on any issue that may fall under the commission's regulatory jurisdiction or pertinent to an open docket is considered ex parte communication. See these explanations and excerpt about <u>Contacting the PUC</u>, <u>Guidelines</u> and <u>Ex Parte Communication</u> posted on the commission's website.

If you have a general inquiry for a commissioner or staff or wish to submit a comment on a PUC docket, send it to PUC@state.sd.us.

Do not send docket-related comments directly to commissioners or staff. Please read the guidelines about what information must be submitted with your comment and other guidelines.

As such, your email and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in these open electric utility dockets: <u>EL23-020</u>, <u>EL23-025</u>, <u>EL24-015</u>, <u>EL24-016</u>, <u>EL24-020</u>, <u>EL24-021</u>, <u>EL24-022</u> and <u>EL24-023</u>.

The commission is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and as such, commissioners and staff have access to any reports or information shared with or by NARUC. In fact, two of the commissioners attended the NARUC Summer Policy Summit held last week where the report you referenced was released.

If you wish to submit a comment for an open docket before the commission in the future, we ask that you do so by emailing PUC@state.sd.us versus any commissioner directly.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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