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Patricia Van Gerpen
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Stray Voltage Rules

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

With this filing, Staff requests the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) open a rulemaking docket regarding stray voltage rules. Stray voltage legislation became effective on July 1, 2015. Pursuant to SDCL 49-47-2, the Commission has one year from July 1, 2015 to promulgate stray voltage rules.

Included in this filing are draft stray voltage rules. We recommend receiving comments on these draft rules prior to starting the formal rulemaking process. Interested persons or entities would have the opportunity to propose changes to the rules. The Commission would consider the comments and decide whether to make any changes.

The next step would be to proceed to a formal rulemaking by filing proposed stray voltage rules with the Legislative Research Council.

Sincerely,

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