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Ms. Kristen Edwards
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Ms. Edwards:

The Legislative Research Council (LRC) received proposed rules from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) on July 14, 2026. In accordance with SDCL 1-26-6.5, the LRC reviewed the proposed rules for form, style, clarity, and legality, and now returns them with recommendations.

Please find enclosed:

- Proposed Rules Review Checklists;
- The proposed rules with recommended form, style, clarity, and minor legality edits;
- Directions for Submitting the Final Draft of the Rules; and
- The Interim Rules Review Committee Rules Presentation Format.

Under SDCL 1-26-4(4), the PUC is required to adopt LRC recommendations, subject to an appeal to the Interim Rules Review Committee for the Committee's final determination. Note, however, that LRC reserves the right to withdraw recommendations if they are resolved via discussion with PUC staff.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or to discuss and possibly resolve any of the recommendations before your agency's public hearing on this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin J. Goetz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Justin J. Goetz
Code Counsel
Enclosures

CC: Chris Nelson, Chair, Public Utilities Commission