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Mr. Will Seuffert
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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
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Re: *In the Matter of Dakota Electric Association Petition to Implement a Limited Arrearage Forgiveness Program*
MPUC Docket No. E111/M-21-314

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

The Office of the Attorney General-Residential Utilities Division (“OAG”) respectfully submits this Letter in response to the Notice of Comment Period issued by the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) in the above-entitled matter. The purpose of this Letter is to articulate the OAG’s support for arrearage forgiveness programs as electric utilities transition out of the pandemic.

The Petition of Dakota Electric Association (“Petition”) proposes an arrearage forgiveness program where eligible ratepayers with balances that have been delinquent for more than 90 days could receive a 25% credit to the delinquent portion of monthly payments for ratepayers. The OAG appreciates Dakota Electric Association’s (“Dakota”) efforts to provide relief for financially distressed ratepayers as Minnesota emerges from an unprecedented pandemic, especially when considering Dakota’s unique status as a rate-regulated electric cooperative. The OAG supports Commission adoption of this or a similar arrearage forgiveness program for Dakota.

Sincerely,

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I, DEB POOLE, hereby certify that on the 10th day of June, 2021, I e-filed with eDockets *a Letter of the Minnesota Office of The Attorney General—Residential Utilities Division* and served a true and correct copy of the same upon all parties listed on the attached service list by e-mail, electronic submission, and/or United States Mail with postage prepaid, and deposited the same in a U.S. Post Office mail receptacle in the City of St. Paul, Minnesota.

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