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To: House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

RE: Support of House Bill 1095

From: Zac Smith, communications and government relations director, NDAREC

Chairman Porter and members of the House Energy and Natural Resources committee, the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) represents sixteen electric distribution cooperatives and five generation and transmission cooperatives that generate, transmit, and distribute electricity across the state of North Dakota. NDAREC and supports HB 1095 on behalf of its members.

This bill provides uniformity to the process for projects regardless of when the project went into service and allows that the Public Service Commission (PSC) "may grant a waiver or extension of time based on technical or economic feasibility considerations." The ability to grant a waiver is particularly important to areas around air force bases, which are members of cooperatives. The national security and safety concerns expressed by these members are important and this bill gives the PSC the authority to determine the appropriate actions for a specific project based on technical and economic feasibility.

NDAREC fully supports this clarification and asks for a DO PASS recommendation.

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