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House Bill 1067 Testimony by Carlee McLeod in **Support**

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Representative Porter, Chair

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Chairman Porter, members of the committee, USND supports this bill on behalf of its members which include ALLETE, Montana-Dakota Utilities, Otter Tail Power, and Xcel Energy. We come before you today mostly in support of HB 1067.

To the end that review of Integrated Resource Plans allows the PSC to make more informed decisions, we support this concept. We feel the \$250,000 fee cap is high. However, we understand that the commission is unsure of the cost of such a review, so a number was chosen. We would feel more comfortable with a fee more in line with other filing fees capped around \$150,000. As rules are promulgated and we can gain a better understanding of the scope and outcome of any such review, we might feel more comfortable with any related fee schedule.

Thank you.

