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### **House Concurrent Resolution 3014 Testimony in Support**

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Representative Porter, Chair

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Chairman Porter, members of the committee, I am Carlee McLeod, president of the Utility Shareholders of North Dakota, here on behalf of USND utility members, including ALLETE, Montana-Dakota Utilities, Otter Tail Power, and Xcel Energy. We ask you to support HCR3014.

For years, MISO and SPP have used market triggers that failed to value the reliability of baseload resources. Although the ND utility members of each regional transmission organization, the public service commissioners representing the state in each RTO, and various market participants have urged for policy change, the RTOs have been slow to react. While the RTOs now see the baseload capacity within each market shrinking to a point of concern, sending a message from North Dakota's Legislative Assembly will strengthen the voices of the aforementioned RTO participants and reinforce the urgency to rebalance market policies that fail to reward baseload reliability.

No amount of state regulatory changes will guarantee resource preservation if a market does not appropriately value those resources. Appropriate RTO action is the only thing that will preserve these baseload resources. We urge you to support HCR 3014.

