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House Bill 1096 Testimony in **Support**

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Senator Kreun, Chair

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Chairman Kreun, members of the committee, I am Carlee McLeod, president of the Utility Shareholders of North Dakota. 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 to support Engrossed HB 1096.

HB 1096 is a bill comprised of necessary clean-up to the siting chapters 49-22 and 49-22.1, which were separated in the 2017 session, as well as additional components we feel are reasonable.

We ask for your support of Engrossed House Bill 1096.

Thank you.

