



**Power
Companies**
OF NORTH DAKOTA

Good morning, Chairman Beltz and members of the House Agriculture Committee,

The Power Companies of North Dakota (“PCND”) urges a “Do Pass” recommendation on SB 2360.

PCND is a coalition of the state’s leading shareholder-owned gas and electric utilities. Our members include MDU Resources Group, Xcel Energy, Otter Tail Power Company, and ALLETE. Together, PCND members serve over 427,000 North Dakota customers, employ over 1,200 North Dakotans, and manage significant power generation and transmission infrastructure across our state.

Today, we express PCND’s strong support for SB 2360, the legislative management study on geothermal energy.

PCND member companies are committed to exploring all forms of energy production, including geothermal, to ensure the delivery of affordable, safe, and reliable electricity to communities across North Dakota. We look forward to actively participating in this important study and offering our members’ expertise to develop practical and effective recommendations.

Accordingly, PCND strongly urges a “Do Pass” recommendation on SB 2360.

Thank you, Chairman Beltz and committee members.