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RE: Docket TC19-041

Ms. Van Gerpen,

Commission Staff submits this letter in response to the letter submitted by Petitioner dated July 17, 2019. While Staff appreciates Petitioner's concern for our busy schedule, and we respect the difficulty of traveling to Pierre, this is an issue that deserves resolution, and Staff has no objection to those who cannot be personally present participating by phone.

In addition, attached to this letter is Staff's Amended Response to Petition for Declaratory Ruling. Staff's response has been amended to reflect our incorrect understanding of the business status of Petitioner. It was Staff's understanding that Petitioner was a Minnesota corporation licensed to do business in South Dakota. However, it has been clarified to Staff that, in fact, Petitioner is a *North Dakota* corporation *not* licensed to do business in South Dakota. That correction is reflected in the Amended Response, as is the correction of the business name to AF Pierre, Inc.

Sincerely,

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