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Subject: Tax Committee Review for the ND Electrical Generating Facilities Sales Tax Exemption

Hello Emily,

My apologies for the slow response to these follow up questions.

Questions concerning ND Electrical Generating Facilities Sales Tax Exemption

Q: Does ALLETE view that the ND Electrical Generating Facilities Sales Tax Exemption favors one area of the energy sector over another?

1. Answer: No

Q: Can ALLETE Inc. quantify how much weight the ND Electrical Generation Facilities Sales Tax Exemption influences ALLETE's decisions to approve projects or locate projects in ND?

1. Answer: Each project is comprised of circumstances that come into consideration while deciding if it is viable. Providing an exact weight for how much the sales tax exemption weighs in is difficult to do as there are several factors that go into the decision. There is no question that projects in North Dakota are given a competitive economic advantage over projects in states that don't offer exemptions.

Sincerely,
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