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Commissioner Bob Burns
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Re: Commissioner Bob Burns' Letter to Docket Regarding Retail Electric Competition and Public Relation Campaigns Dated December 6, 2013 Filed in Docket No. E-00000J-13-0375

Commissioner Burns:

In your letter to this docket dated December 6, 2013, you asked for responses to three questions. In response to your first question, Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (GCEC) has spent very little money on retail electric competition public relations campaign. GCEC included an article about electric restructuring in the September 2013 issue of the "Currents" magazine that was sent to all members of the cooperative but this magazine is sent out bi-monthly regardless and so there was no additional cost to the cooperative for the inclusion of this article. The only other public relations activity conducted by GCEC was a meeting with the local chamber of commerce to discuss the issues and answer any questions they had. Two senior staff members attended the meeting for approximately two hours. No other funds were expended including supporting lobbying efforts or contributions to organizations that lobby or retain lobbyists to promote supporting views.

In response to your second question, GCEC salaried employees have spent approximately 6 hours (including the meeting with the chamber of commerce and time spent writing the article for the currents magazine) on the public relations campaign to support GCEC's positions on retail electric competition.

In response to your third question, GCEC did not spend any additional costs on public relations campaign relating to the retail electric competition issue. The only cost was a small amount of staff time that would have been incurred regardless as discussed above. GCEC does not anticipate filing for a rate case in the near future. Any future rate case would most likely not include these expenditures because they would be outside the test year.

Sincerely,

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